

ville and its dependent missions, giving him full power and authority to succeed in that office, Father Cushing, and naming this first day of October as the time of commencing that office.

† JAMES ROGERS, Bishop of Chatham.

Chatham, N. B., October 1st, 1897.

CHATHAM, N. B., October 28, 1897.

REVEREND JOHN H. CUSHING,
Blackville, N. B.

REVEREND SIR:—

In reply to your telegram just received: "I demand the key of my church while I am here." I beg to say that your course in keeping the rightful Pastor from having free access to his church, especially to be able to attend the sick calls, is most reprehensible.

When on Sunday, 24th inst., you spontaneously expressed your entire willingness to leave Blackville and go to whatever mission might be assigned you, and that you would leave soon, after a few days to duly arrange your affairs, I expressed my joy and thankfulness—and then reconsidered what I had abandoned, viz:—my offer made to you in April last, to place you in Grand Anse, your native place, if acceptable—which offer I then, Sunday 24th, feast of St. Raphael, renewed and you accepted. I asked you if I might make that announcement to the people in church and you expressed your perfect consent. Accordingly at my Mass I did make the announcement. I accepted your resignation, installing Father Crumley who was assisting at my Mass, as your successor; but at the same time announcing that the few days which you required to get ready to leave was granted. From that moment Father Crumley was the real (incoming) Pastor, but the usual clerical etiquette and courtesy of leaving you free, and in authority to wind up your pastorate was most willingly conceded to you. During those days of transition both the outgoing and incoming pastors were free to have recourse to the church, vestry, &c., but the outgoing pastor has only the right and authority of courtesy allowed by the newly installed pastor, who has official right. Thus you had not the exclusive right to the use of the church and the things belonging to the church—especially to the extent of excluding the real pastor, and particularly if his ministry was required for the sick, as I understood it was during your absence.

As soon as Father Barry was free to be consulted after arriving