

LETTER

FROM

THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO,

TO

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

TORONTO, CANADA, 7TH JUNE, 1851.

MY LORD ARCHBISHOP,—

I have the honor to enclose a dutiful and loyal Address to our Most Gracious and beloved Queen Victoria, from the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese in Conference assembled, with an humble request that your Grace will be pleased to present the same, and recommend the prayer to Her Majesty's favorable consideration.

There are many questions of great importance to the well-being and discipline of the Church in this Diocese which cannot be satisfactorily settled, without some such constituted authority as we desire, and it is doubtless fitting, because, in accordance with the custom of the Church in her purest ages, that the Bishop should meet and consult with his Clergy upon rules of practice and Ecclesiastical order within the limits of his own Diocese; but not to change or alter, or in any way to interfere, directly, or indirectly, with the Thirty-nine Articles, or the Book of Common Prayer, or with the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures.

In England, the Church has her Ecclesiastical Law, and has been proceeding for centuries in regular and prescribed order—but such law is said not to extend to this Colony, nor