

seats for hire, but it would at once have placed the rich man in a better position than his poor neighbour, or at least have an invidious distinction between them. It is hoped that the rich members of the Congregation will remember at the *monthly* collections, that a great sacrifice has been made, and that *they* obtain their accommodation in the Church *without any cost or charges*, and that their contributions are *expected and required*, both in acknowledgment of their *accommodation* and to provide for the expense of the Church. The upper seats or stalls are reserved for the *Choir and Clergy*.

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I desire to remain, gentlemen,

Your faithful servant,

(Signed) EDWARD NEWFOUNDLAND.

To the Church Wardens.

[No. 8]

To the Rev. CHARLES BLACKMAN, M. A.,

St. John's, 14th October, 1852.

Rev and Dear Sir,—

We, the undersigned, members of the congregation of St. Thomas's Church, beg leave to convey to you the expression of our sympathy with you, under the severe illness which has so long interrupted the performance of your clerical duties; but we trust, that by God's blessing, you may be speedily enabled to resume them.

We take this opportunity of acknowledging the services of the Rev. Gentlemen, who during your illness have, from time to time, officiated for you, but at the same time we beg leave to express our deep regret that some of them should have introduced changes into the mode of conducting Divine Service at St. Thomas to which we have been so long accustomed.

These innovations we view with feelings of dissatisfaction, more especially the practice of preaching in the Surplice, to which we entertain an aversion from its association with a party which has done, and is doing, incalculable mischief to the Church; and with feelings of pain, inasmuch as it must have been well known, that such a departure from the customary mode of conducting Divine Service would be generally offensive to the congregation.

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