

the union as a secure pledge to the Canadians that their religion shall be inviolably preserved to them.

III. That that section in the projected union-bill, runs thus.

"And whereas by the said act (the Quebec Act) His Majesty's subjects professing the religion of the church of Rome in the said province of Quebec, might hold and enjoy the free exercise of the said religion, subject to the King's supremacy, as in the said act mentioned, and that the clergy of the said church might hold, receive, and enjoy their accustomed dues and rights, with respect to such persons only as should profess the said religion; *Be it therefore further enacted and declared*, that nothing in this act contained, nor any act to be passed by the said joint legislature, nor any regulation or other proceeding of the said Legislative Council or Assembly, shall in any wise affect the free exercise of the religion of the church of Rome by His Majesty's subjects professing the same, within either of the said provinces, but the same may continue to be exercised, and the clergy of the said church, and the several curates of each respective parish of the said province of Lower Canada, now performing the clerical duties thereof, or who shall hereafter, with the approbation and consent of His Majesty, expressed in writing by the Governor, or person administering the government of the said province of Lower Canada for the time being, be thereto duly collated, appointed, or inducted, may continue to hold, receive, and enjoy, their accustomed dues and rights, in as full and complete manner, to all intents & purposes, as heretofore, and as is provided and declared by the said act."

And IV. That the part underlined is an addition, interpolation, and innovation to the ecclesiastical constitution of the province.

Upon the following toast being given,

"The catholic bishop of Quebec, and the clergy. May they continue to be maintained in their rights and privileges; their virtues and their patriotism, indisputably entitle them to be
"so;"

Mr. Quesnel addressed the president as follows

"The sentiments which accompany the toast that has just been given, are equally honourable to those who express them, and to those to whom they relate. Although no more than merely a tribute paid to truth, it is always pleasing, to see the debt of gratitude, due to merit, discharged by the voice of the public."

"This is not a fit occasion for expatiating on the private virtues of the clergy. Inquire of the widow and the orphan, of the indigent and the miserable, whoever, and wherever they are and thousands of voices will be heard, in every corner of the province, proclaiming in far stronger, and more emphatic