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the powers and Privileges of it as an established Church, that being a Preference which belongs only to the Protestant Church of England.

21. . . . Upon these Principles therefore and to the end that Our just Supremacy in all Matters Ecclesiastical as well as Civil may have it's due Scope and Influence It is Our Will and Pleasure

First. . . . That all Appeals to, or Correspondence with any foreign Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, of what Nature or kind soever, be absolutely forbidden under very severe Penalties.

Secondly. . . . That no Episcopal or Vicarial powers be exercised within Our said Province by any person professing the Religion of the Church of Rome, but such only as are essentially and indispensibly necessary to the free Exercise of the Romish Religion, and in those Cases not without a Licence and permission from you under the Seal of Our said Province, for and during Our Will and Pleasure, and under such other Limitations and restrictions as may correspond with the Spirit and Provision of the Act of Parliament "for making more effectual Provision for the Government of "the Province of Quebec," and no Person whatever is to have Holy Orders conferred upon him or to have the Cure of Souls without a Licence for that purpose first had and obtained from you.

Thirdly. . . . That no person professing the Religion of the Church of Rome be allowed to fill any Ecclesiastical Benefice or to have or enjoy any of the rights or Profits belonging thereto, who is not a Canadian by Birth, (such only excepted as are now in possession of any such Benefice) and who is not appointed thereto by Us or by or under Our Authority, and that all Right or Claim of Right in any other person whatever to nominate, present or appoint to any Vacant Benefice, other than such as may lay Claim to the Patronage of Benefices as a Civil Right, be absolutely abolished, no person to hold more than one Benefice, or at least not more than can reasonably be served by one and the same Incumbent.

Fourthly. . . . That no Person whatever professing the Religion of the Church of Rome be appointed Incumbent of any Parish in which the Majority of the Inhabitants shall solicit the Appointment of a Protestant Minister ; in such case the Incumbent shall be a Protestant and entitled to all Tythes payable within such Parish ; But nevertheless the Roman Catholicks may have the Use of the Church for the free Exercise of their Religion at such times as may not interfere with the Religious Worship of the Protestants ; and in like manner the Protestant Inhabitants in every Parish where the Majority of Parishioners are Roman Catholicks shall notwithstanding have the Use of the Church for the Exercise of their Religion at such times as may not interfere with the religious Worship of the Roman Catholicks.

Fifthly. . . . That no Incumbent professing the Religion of the Church of Rome appointed to any Parish shall be entitled to receive any Tythes for Lands or Possessions occupied by a Protestant, but such Tythes shall be received by such Persons as you shall appoint, and shall be reserved in the Hands of Our Receiver General as aforesaid for the Support of a Protestant