

Protestants, of which denominations there are in this Province at present many varieties, and to these many more may from time to time be added. A claim, however, to have the Reserves, or their proceeds distributed among the several Sects has not been strenuously pressed, perhaps from the conviction that such a measure must obviously fail in affording an adequate support for Christianity in any form; or, perhaps, from a consideration of the never ending jealousies and contests to which the attempt at a proportionate distribution must give rise.

In 1827, His Majesty's Government proposed and procured from Parliament, an Act authorising the sale, annually, of a limited portion of the Clergy Reserves, not to exceed in any year 100,000 acres, nor more in the whole than one-fourth of all the lands reserved.*

In this Act Parliament gave no evidence of any change of intention, in regard to the principles declared in the Stat. 31 Geo. 3; on the contrary, the proceeds of the sales are expressly directed to be applied "either
 " for the improvement of the remaining part of the
 " said Clergy Reserves, or otherwise, *for the purposes*
" for which the said lands were so reserved as afore-
" said, and for no other purpose whatsoever." Thus any doubt which may have arisen upon the construction of the former Statute, 31 Geo. 3. was not cleared up when Parliament were again legislating upon the

* See Appendix C.