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early stages of the Province, but now an effort should be made to put the Church in Canada on a footing of independence.

To avoid dangers which suggest themselves from precipitate action, the Governor is recommended to place the matter before the Bishop and leading members of the clergy. Lord Bathurst is aware of the inadequacy of the salaries, and of the small value of the Glebe lands in many cases, and will see what can be done in the way of remedy. The Home Government is prepared to require the civil authorities to reserve in all future grants of land, one-seventh for the maintenance of the Church. The Government is also prepared to appropriate for the same purpose a block of land as an equivalent for the same proportion of lands already granted. For the management of these Church lands a board will be required, and the Bishop should be consulted as to the constitution of such a board.

Earl Bathurst to Sir James Kempt. With reference to the subject discussed in the foregoing letter, the Governor is requested to ascertain, by sounding, whether the Legislature would be disposed to afford some temporary assistance to the Church, pending the permanent relief to be derived from the disposal of the Church Lands. The position is by no means to be submitted to the Legislature unless there is a certainty that it would be found acceptable.

December 19.

To Rev. A. Hamilton (Notes). Respecting the foregoing letters of Earl Bathurst. He suggests Mr. Hamilton's endeavouring to see any other correspondence at the Colonial Office on the subject. Notes of letters to (a) the Secretaries of the S. P. O. K. respecting a draft upon them for £40 in favour of Archdeacon Spencer for 6 months' allowance to 8 catechists of the negroes at Bermuda; (b) Archdeacon Watson giving reason for infrequency of public fasts and thanksgivings—the abuses of Papists and Puritans. Danger of bringing authority into contempt, if used contrary to feeling of people, undesirable to call for frequent interference from Civil power in Church services.

December 22.

Drew for first moiety of £100 for church at Bridgetown, Granville. Drew the second moiety on Sept. 17, 1827.

December 20.

To Lieutenant Governor Ready. Congratulations upon arrival at Charlottetown. As Mr. Adin has left the Island, the question of supplying the Church at Charlottetown will have to wait until it can be seen if he intends to return. Respecting affairs at St. Eleanor's Mr. Jenkins has created favourable impression. The Presbyterians might be induced to relinquish their rather vague claims upon their church at Charlottetown, and were not disposed to object to its consecration. The Bishop would prefer a finer church. 162 persons were confirmed in old church, though little preparation was made. The Marriage Act is objectionable, and should be resisted if not too late. Suggestion as to commission to magistrates to solemnize marriage. Mentions Lord Bathurst's correspondence respecting church maintenance. The schools come in for criticism. There should be a good classical school in Charlottetown, and, if possible, scholarships at University of Windsor for Prince Edward Island students.

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January 3.

To Archdeacon Best. Respecting an exchange of part of the glebe at Fredericton for land in possession of Hon. Mr. Baillie.

January 5.

To———. Dealing at length with Mr. Griffin's case.