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My Lord,

Addington, 8 January 1850.

I HAVE the honour of forwarding to your Lordship a communication from the Secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, by which it will appear that your Lordship's requirements are met with regard to a permanent provision for the second chaplain in Canada. Mr. Hawkins' letter, though addressed to me, is so specific on the subject that I conceive that I should better satisfy your Lordship by sending it than by making a statement of my own.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Cantuar.

My Lord Archbishop,

79, Pall-mall, 7 January 1850.

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It will be in your Grace's recollection that a copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, dated 13 October 1849,* was forwarded to you at that time, and by referring to it you will perceive that the society was informed, by desire of Earl Grey, that "Her Majesty's Government are ready to sanction the proposed arrangement (the erection of a see at Montreal), on the understanding contained in your letter of the 11th June last, that the funds requisite for the endowment of the second bishopric will be provided, without having recourse to either the Imperial or Colonial Treasury."

It is true that a merely general assurance had been given to Earl Grey that the Society had at its disposal funds sufficient for the endowment of a second bishopric in Canada East, without specifying the particular sources from which they were to be derived.

I have now the honour to transmit a copy of the resolution of the Society, by which a definite sum, equal to 1,000*l.* sterling a year, is appropriated for the endowment of the projected see of Montreal.

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

I have, &c.
(signed) Ernest Hawkins.

It may be proper to add, that as soon as a Bishop is appointed, it is the intention of the Society to transfer the accumulated capital sum (now probably amounting to 12,000*l.* currency) arising from the clergy reserves to separate trustees, for the benefit of the bishopric of Montreal, and I may further state, that when I had the honour of mentioning the particulars of the endowment (as contained in the accompanying paper) to the Governor-general of Canada, his Lordship was pleased to express his entire approval of the same.

At a General Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, held Friday,
20th April 1849.

"AGREED, in compliance with the urgent and frequently repeated recommendations of the Bishop of Montreal, to make provision for a second bishop in Canada East, by the following appropriation of funds.

"1. That the accumulated capital of the Clergy Reserves Fund, now estimated at 10,000*l.* currency, be set apart to yield a yearly interest for the endowment of the see.

"At the present rate of interest in the colony there will thus be provided (currency) 600*l.*

"2. That 1,250*l.* currency, which is the salary of the Chief Justice of Lower Canada, be the salary fixed for the Bishop; that one-half of the sum beyond that which shall accrue from the capital above-named be provided from the annual interest of the Clergy Reserves Fund, and that the other half be charged upon the general funds of the Society until such time as it can be provided from the increased property of the Clergy Reserves, from the Colonial Bishopric's Fund, or some other source."

A true extract.

79, Pall-mall, 7 January 1850.

(3.)

My Lord,

Downing-street, 19 January 1850.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Grace's letter of the 8th instant, containing an enclosure from Mr. Hawkins, on the subject of the endowment of the second bishopric in Canada East.

I have to apologize to your Grace for not having been enabled sooner to answer this communication, but the delay has arisen from the necessity of referring to the previous correspondence, in consequence of a doubt which had occurred to me whether that part of the funds of which it is proposed to make use for the endowment of a new see, which arises from the Clergy Reserves, is properly available for that purpose.

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