

No. 4.
The Right Hon.
Henry Dundas
to
Lieutenant
Governor Simcoe,
2d May 1793.

In answer to your Letter of the 6th November, I take this Opportunity of observing to you, that the Appointment of a Bishop's See in Canada is now in contemplation, and the Attainment of many of the Objects you have stated will naturally be the Result of such an Establishment, should it take place.

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The Duke of
Portland
to
Bishop of Quebec,
14th Nov. 1799.

From the Duke of PORTLAND to the Bishop of QUEBEC.

My Lord,

Whitehall, 14th November 1794.

I HAVE received your Lordship's Letter to Mr. Secretary Dundas, of the 15th September last, giving an Account of the Completion of your Lordship's first Visitation of your Diocese; and I beg leave to express my Approbation both of the early and earnest Attention paid by your Lordship to the Duties of your important Station.

The State of the Churches in Upper Canada should certainly receive every Degree of Attention which may enable them to proceed Hand in Hand with the regular and progressive Improvement of a Province which at this Moment can only be looked upon as in its Infancy.

In consequence of your Lordship's Representations I shall certainly solicit His Majesty's Commands that a Sum not exceeding £500 (which may be extended as Occasion shall require) may be proposed to be added to the Estimate of Upper Canada for the ensuing Year, towards enabling His Majesty's Subjects in that Province to erect such Churches as may be necessary for Divine Worship. In doing this, I shall trust with the most perfect Confidence to your Lordship's Exertions, and to the good Disposition of those in favour of whom the Grant is proposed, that they will render the same as effectual as possible by adding their personal Aid and Assistance to the utmost of their Power and Ability. It will be for Lieutenant Governor Simcoe and your Lordship, upon Communication with each other, to determine where the Want of a Church is the most urgent, and consequently where the first is to be erected. In doing this, your Lordship will of course take care not to incur any Expense in Parts without the Treaty Line, our Possession of which may depend upon Circumstances. This Consideration, your Lordship observes, will render some of the Expenses you propose unnecessary. I should likewise be induced to recommend, that in the Erection of the Churches the immediate Exigencies of the Case should, for the present, only be consulted, every thing beyond that should be left to the future Prosperity and Wealth of the Province to execute. I am very sorry to observe that the Dearness of the Necessaries of Life in Upper Canada seem to require a greater Income than would certainly otherwise be necessary for an Incumbent; at the same Time, there cannot be the Shadow of a Doubt relative to the Construction of the Canada Act, which annexes to Rectories and Parsonages erected under the same, the Enjoyment of all the Rights, Profits, and Emoluments belonging to a Parsonage or Rectory in England, which must necessarily include Tithes. Under these Circumstances, it is unnecessary for me to add any thing further than that, with the existing Provisions made by the above-mentioned Act for the Church of England in both the Canadas, I trust that a small temporary Salary from Government, with such Allowances as the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel may be induced to grant, would be sufficient for the comfortable Maintenance of such Incumbents as it may be requisite to send from hence for the due Performance of the Ecclesiastical Duties of the Province of Upper Canada.

I am, &c.

(Signed) PORTLAND.
