

ca of the satisfaction with which his Majesty's Government would learn that the colonial legislature is disposed to resume the consideration of this important subject, in the spirit in which it appears to have been treated by the House of Assembly, on the occasion adverted to in the memorial.

I am farther to acquaint you, that it appears from information lately received from the governor of Jamaica, that the sum of £1100 was voted by the Colonial Assembly during the last session for the Scottish Churches at Kingston and Falmouth in that island.

A despatch has also very recently been received from the Governor of Mauritius, transmitting a copy of a memorial from a number of respectable inhabitants of that colony, addressed to the Presbytery of Glasgow, praying that provision should be made from the colonial revenue for the payment of a stipend to a minister of the Scottish Church.

Although no communication on the subject of the petition has, as yet, been received at this department from the Presbytery, a copy of it has been transmitted to the lords commissioners of his Majesty's treasury with Lord Glenelg's recommendation, that the prayer of the petitioners should be complied with; and his lordship has no doubt that he will be enabled to authorize the Governor of Mauritius to issue, from the colonial treasury, an adequate allowance for the maintenance of a Presbyterian minister in Mauritius.

With reference to the Australian colonies, I am to acquaint you, for the information of the committee of the General Assembly, that it has already been determined that clergymen of the church of Scotland should hereafter be placed in precisely the same situation as clergymen of the Church of England, so

far as relates to the amount of the emolument they will receive from the colonial treasury.

In the estimates transmitted to this country from New South Wales for the year 1836, Lord Glenelg observed, that, while provision had been made for an immediate increase in the number of clergymen of both churches in that colony, the stipend voted for the clergymen of the Church of England was at the rate of £150 a-year, while that for clergymen of the Church of Scotland was only at the rate of £100 a-year. There did not appear to his lordship to be any sufficient reason for this distinction, and he consequently instructed the governor to propose to the legislative council that the latter should, from the time of their severally entering on their duties, receive the same amount of stipend as that to which the additional clergymen of the Church of England were to be entitled. His lordship has every reason to anticipate, that this recommendation will be cheerfully acceded to by the council, especially as in the colonial act which has subsequently been passed in order to carry into effect the general ecclesiastical arrangements which his majesty's Government have recently sanctioned in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land, no such distinction is to be found.

Lord Glenelg trusts, that the nature of these arrangements is calculated to make ample provision for the religious wants of the increasing population of Scottish Presbyterians in those colonies, provided that a sufficient number of well qualified ministers of the Church of Scotland can be induced to avail themselves of the opening which is now afforded them for taking the spiritual charge of congregations of their countrymen, who have settled in that part of the British empire. His lordship has