

had more success in Westminster, than his brother in the plains of Shinar, the bill will inform us.

“ It enacts that the Romish clergy of the church of Canada, may hold, receive, and enjoy their accustomed dues and rights, with respect to such persons *only* as shall profess the said religion.”

“ Provided nevertheless that it shall be lawful for his majesty, his heirs, or successors, to make such provision out of the rest of the said accustomed dues and rights for the encouragement of the protestant religion, and the maintenance and support of a protestant clergy within the said province, as he or they shall from time to time think necessary and expedient.”

The act by establishing that the Romish clergy may hold, receive, and enjoy their accustomed dues and rights, with respect to such persons *only* as shall profess their religion, does in fact declare, that there no longer exists any dues and rights of the Romish clergy's, save those of their own religion. If not then of the Romish clergy, there exists none at all, consequently, *ex nibilo nil fit*, there can be no rest.

But the idea of rest, or superfluous dues and rights is exceedingly absurd, and of this bill's creation, because it supposes that the Romish clergy had, subsequent to the capitulation, and prior to this act, a legal title to those dues and rights :