

Colonies, in reply to a Petition to the Queen from your Lordship and a large number of Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity, of the Diocese of Quebec.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord Archbishop,

Your most obedt. servant,

F. TURVILLE,

*Governor's Secretary.*

His Grace the

Archbishop of Quebec, &c., &c.

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*The Earl of Kimberley to the Lord Lisgar.*

Downing Street, 11th May 1871.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 89 of the 20th of April, forwarding a Petition to the Queen received from the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec, and signed by a large number of the Roman Catholic Clergy and laity of that Diocese, praying for the intervention of Her Majesty's Government with a view to the restoration of the temporal sovereignty of the Pope.

I request that you will inform the Archbishop that this Petition has been laid before the Queen who was pleased to receive it very graciously. Several memorials of a similar character have lately been received by Her Majesty, and as the most convenient mode of answering the present Petition, I enclose a copy of a despatch which was addressed to the Governor of Malta, in reply to a memorial from the inhabitants of Malta and Gozo.