

Bishop, "you would say to yon Mountain (Dr. Jacob Mountain the Bishop's chaplain, visible in the distance), 'Be thou removed and cast into the See, and it should be done.'" Sixteen years ago, the Rev. Dr. Jacob J. S. Mountain pointed out in a letter to the *Montreal Gazette* that this story, based on a still older one, was without foundation. The old story was that the See of York falling vacant in the reign of George II, his Majesty consulted Dr. Mountain, Bishop of Durham, who wittily replied: "Hadst thou faith, thou wouldest say to this Mountain (at the same time laying his hand on his breast), be removed and cast into the sea (see)." His Majesty laughed heartily and complied with the hint. The Rev. Jacob J. S. Mountain pointed out that the Archbishop of York of his name had been first consecrated in the reign of James I, and his progenitors had left France more than a hundred years before those of the Bishop of Quebec, and that he was made Archbishop of York in the year 1628.

The account of the family of the first Bishop of Quebec is thus briefly related by the late Rev. Armine Mountain in his *Memoir of G. J. Mountain, third Bishop of Quebec*: "The family of Mountain is of French extraction, having emigrated to England on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and settled in Norfolk, where they became proprietors of a small landed estate called Thwaite Hall. It remained in their hands till about the middle of the last century. The last occupant, dying young, left two sons, the younger of whom afterwards became the first Bishop of Quebec."* Having graduated at Caius College, Cambridge, where he became acquainted with Pitt, whose tutor and private secretary was Dr. Tomline, afterwards Bishop of Lincoln, Jacob Mountain, in 1781, married Elizabeth Mildred Wale Kentish, of Little Bardfield Hall, Essex, soon after which he was preferred to the living of St. Andrew's, Norwich. Subsequently he was chosen by Bishop Tomline to be his examining chaplain, and presented by him to the living of Buckden in Huntingdonshire.

In 1793, when the Government decided to erect the See of Quebec, his Lordship recommended his chaplain for the appointment, which was willingly adopted. "Neither of the persons more directly concerned in this measure appears to have had reason to regret it," writes Mr. Mountain, "for we find it mentioned in Tomline's Life

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