

the office of your Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, whence documents in abundance may be obtained to support them.

We deem it incumbent upon us now to bring under the especial notice of your Majesty the important fact that the Magistrates, Constables, and other subordinate functionaries in this Colony are entirely dependent upon the annual grant of the House of Assembly for the payment of their salaries. A ready method is thus afforded of controlling their independence, if not of corrupting their integrity, by diminishing or withholding, or perhaps increasing, their respective stipends, in proportion as they are supposed to be more or less favourable or adverse to the authority of the priests and their partisans; and we lament to add that the determination to exercise this influence has been manifested in the votes of the present session.

Great, however, and insupportable as are the evils to which we are thus subjected, we yet trust that an adequate remedy may be found in the wisdom of your Majesty's ministers, and we do humbly and earnestly pray for the adoption of such measures as will effectually redress the grievances which we thus presume to bring under your Majesty's notice. We beseech your Majesty that among other steps for that purpose, means may be taken to secure to all your Majesty's subjects in this Island, the free and uncontrolled exercise of their civil and religious rights,—to protect the Judges and officers of Justice in the fearless administration of the laws; and also to make permanent provision for Magistrates, Constables, and others connected with the Police, thereby rendering them independent of popular