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the Legislative Council—that the Legislature of the Province has been unable to concur in any measure respecting the Clergy Reserves, and altho' this House has little expectation that the Legislative Council, as now constituted, will comply with the wishes of the people of the Province, yet it feels bound to declare that this House is, and always has been, ready and anxious to concur in any just and reasonable measure whatever by which the Clergy Reserves could be applied to such useful purposes as would be most advantageous to His Majesty's faithful people in this Province, and most conformable to their well known wishes—that this House cannot but express its confident hope, that His Majesty will not be induced by any representation, whether secret or open, to depart from the gracious intentions which he has been pleased to intimate, of complying with the earnest and repeated solicitations of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province on that subject—that this resolution be laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that His Excellency be requested to transmit the same to the Secretary for the Colonies, and call the early attention of His Majesty's government to the importance of the same, to the interest, peace, welfare, prosperity and happiness of His Majesty's faithful people of this Province.

REPORT of Select Committee on the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Province.

TO THE HON. THE COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The Select Committee appointed to enquire relative to the tenure on which the advisers of the Executive Government hold their offices, and the expediency of introducing the same practice in the administration of the Government of this Province as that acted upon in England, and also relative to the composition of the Legislative Council, have considered the same, and have agreed to the following report:—

Your Committee have examined the Journals of the House of Assembly for eleven years back, and find that, for several successive sessions, a bill passed through the House of Assembly, by overwhelming majorities, repealing an act passed in the 4th year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, "An Act for the better securing this Province against all seditious attempts or designs to disturb the tranquillity thereof," by which law, any of His Majesty's British born subjects, whether born in England, Ireland, or Scotland, and not having resided in the province a certain