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men should do the same. Parliament looks critically at the circumstances of the churches in Nova Scotia.

December 2. • To Rev. T. A. Grantham. Declining to accede to his application for transfer from Yarmouth to Annapolis. Gives his reasons.

December 9. To Rev. James Robertson. On his untimely arrival in New Brunswick. Expected he would have gone to Newfoundland, as the Bishop had advised in London. No vacancy in New Brunswick. Cannot give more than £100 a year while waiting for a vacancy.

December 10. To Rev. T. Salt. Respecting charges of unsatisfactory management of the school under his charge. The Governor's right and duty to insist on investigation.

December 13. To John Dunn. Replying to a letter respecting Ordination. For reasons given in foregoing letter, the Society will authorize no new missions. Whether Grand Manan can be considered a new mission, he does not know, but will enquire from the Society. In any case, though, unless the parish will guarantee at least £50 a year and a comfortable home, the Society would not give any support.

December 28. To Archdeacon Hamilton. (Notes of letter). Archdeacon Coster's dreadful fire; recommending a grant of £200 to him. *Re* Mr. Robertson's case; Grand Manan. Mr. Trimmingham recommended for £30 for attending Dalhousie, in addition to his deacon's salary.

December 29. To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Colpoys. Requesting a vessel for his pastoral visitations to Newfoundland and Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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January 7. To Rev. F. Salt. Respecting his difficulty with the School, and suggesting his resignation.

February 8. To G. F. Street and E. W. Miller. Commends their desire to erect a parsonage and increase the comfort of the rector, but deprecates a change of Glebe which appears to be bound up with their plans. (This is in Fredericton).

February 15. To Rev. G. Dodsworth. An admonitory letter.

February 16. To Sir Peregrine Maitland. If it be thought proper to apply the lands granted for a Dean and Chapter for the support of the Bishop, he tells them how to proceed. But he intimates that even with the best management, it would be impossible to extract any considerable revenue from the lands.

Over 40 years before, his father began the improvement of 10,000 acres, of good land, and the work has gone on ever since. Upwards of 2,000 acres have been cleared at an expense of £7,000. There are about 30 tenants residing on the land. The nominal rent does not exceed £200, and £20 have never been received in any one year, *in money*. Whoever has the energy that would enable him to pay rent, can become a landowner even if he has no money. It is also to be remarked that almost all the business of the country at any distance from Halifax is transacted by barter.

February 14. To Sir Rupert George. Giving statistics respecting Ecclesiastical affairs in Nova Scotia. There are about 30 parishes and about 52 churches, served by 29 missionaries from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Most of the parishes have glebes of from 400 to 600 acres. There is only a life interest in them which discourages cultivation. He suggests at least 500 acres in every 32 square miles, for glebe purposes, and would secure these by grant. The glebes so secured will increase in value, but some provision for their security and improvement should be made by an Imperial Act, applying to all the colonies. No time should be allowed to run