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George Ryerse, Baptist preacher, contradicts the statement in the petition of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese of Quebec, that it is only the Methodists who oppose the clergy reserves. Page 245

Report of the select committee on the petition of Donald Bethune and others to confine the exercise of the functions of a preacher &c., to British subjects. Had examined witnesses who give evidence that the influence exercised by foreign religious bodies was less than supposed and that any complaint on that score if any reason exists, will shortly be removed. 247

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York.

Colborne to Hay. The establishment of a second university would create rather than allay disputes. The clergy of the Church of Scotland have their opponents in their separatists and Episcopal Methodists have to contend with the Wesleyans. They are all unfriendly to each other. Recommends that the charter of King's College be surrendered and a new one granted on the most liberal terms. The endowment of King's College is sufficient to provide for the Minor College and for the instructions of sectarians. The Episcopalians will naturally hold their ground and be the influential persons in the university. If the charter be liberal and sectarians appointed to the council all pretense for clamour will be taken away. The balance to be used for improving district and township schools. A well organised system protected by government will greatly check the progress of demagogues who are trying the effect of township meetings. The provincial Assembly will not check emigration but no pecuniary aid can be expected. 277

December 10,
York.

The same to Goderich (No. 45). Is persuaded that no measures will be taken by the legislature to check emigration, whatever inconvenience may be felt from the influx, but no pecuniary help will be given to paupers. The principal part of the residents being land owners they will see with satisfaction any number of emigrants who can work. The relief that would be afforded by finding employment for emigrants for a time. 279

December 12,
York.

The same to the same (No. 46). Circular received. Sends information on (1) Civil establishment which gives an account of different officials. (2) Revenues and expenditure. (3) Military establishment. (4) Judicial establishment. (5) Court of appeal. (6) Ecclesiastical establishment. (7) Education. (8) Commerce. (9) Agriculture. (10) Grants of land. (11) Public works. (12) Population. 282

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York.

The same to Hay (private). The colonists are so desirous that emigration should continue that they will take the bad with the good. His exertions to form societies to direct the emigrants for employment. Has suggested raising a sum to locate destitute emigrants. The Canada company is prospering, wishes they had purchased the clergy reserves. Shows the expediency of granting a charter to King's College on the most liberal terms. A second college for sectarians would produce endless disputes and jealousies. Repeats recommendation respecting schools. Expects that Mackenzie will be expelled from the Assembly for a libel on it. 295

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