

"to take his trial at the Quarter Sessions, on a charge of resisting to pay five pence, for the bread and wine, the cushions and cassocks of the Parish church"!!! The spirit which sanctioned this would burn a man at the stake. Could not the successors of Judas give a face to such villany by voting such a chapter as the foregoing to be canonical? The whole State-church system is a lie without it.

Dear Reader! are you aware that Dr. Strachan and his clergy are aiming at the establishment of a similar system in this Province? Read the article on the Clergy Reserves and Rectories, and act as an honest man. Better that such wrongs should be removed by the petitions of the present generation than by the swords of the next.

### MONSTER GRIEVANCES.

"These Reserves and Rectories are a plague spot, a gangrene, and like the worm at the root of Jonah's gourd, will yet, unless utterly removed, prove the ruin of our Institutions and of our happiness as a people."—*Provincialist*.

### THE CLERGY RESERVES AND RECTORIES.

"It is well known how distasteful to a large portion of the people of Upper Canada was the application of PUBLIC PROPERTY, in which all were equally interested, to the theological purposes of any particular denomination."—*Speech of the Hon. Robert Baldwin on Mr. Draper's University Bill.*

### THE RESERVES.

This mighty question, after a temporary abeyance, again commands the attention and interest of every freeman in Canada. The lands known by this name instead of being the bitter source of strife, anarchy, rebellion and bloodshed, as they have been, might, under a wise government, have been made a powerful means of improving the country and of spreading the blessings of Education to our remotest settlements. Under the government, however, of a desperate and wicked faction, contemptuous alike of public opinion and of our highest interests, the revenue arising from this source has been employed only to subserve the interests of one or two religious sects at the expense of all others, and as a fund to bribe the weak and unprincipled amongst us to submit to this mighty social wrong.

The old serpent of Ecclesiastical dominancy and intolerance lay comparatively dormant in Canada until about the year 1826, when Doctor Strachan warmed it into life. Under the vain hope of supplanting the denominations whose Ministers had early braved the difficulties of our forest wilds, and carried the lessons of christianity to our scattered population, and to subserve the interests of the sect to which he had attached himself, he published his famous Chart of the Ecclesiastical affairs of Upper Canada. This Chart, which passed as authority at St. James's, in London, brought eternal disgrace upon its author in Canada. It was a scandalous and gross misrepresentation of the religious statistics of the Province, in order to obtain the lands and emoluments of Government to BUILD UP A STATE CHURCH in Canada. Then began the war for religious liberty, whose battles, we regret to say, have not yet terminated. The enemy, by an act of governmental violence,