

ance of the Protestant clergy, was too great an allotment, and that the idea of sending a bishop of the established church of England to sit in the Legislative Council, was in every point of view unjustifiable.

*Mr. Duncombe* was of opinion that setting aside a seventh of the lands granted for the maintenance of the clergy, was too much.

*Mr. Ryder*, by way of explanation, said, that the meaning was, when his Majesty granted six acres in any of the new townships, an acre was to be set aside for the clergyman presented by the Governor to the parsonage or rectory; for the first year or two, as the clergyman would have the ground to clear and cultivate, he probably would be greatly underpaid.

*Mr. Fox* still censured the whole plan, and reminded the House that *Mr. Dundas* had two evenings since boasted that the security of the kirk of Scotland was its being erected on the rock of poverty: according to the professions of the bill, *Mr. Fox* said, even the clergy of the kirk would have larger incomes in Canada than in Scotland.

*Mr. Dundas* gave an historical detail of the mode of proceeding, by which the clergy in Scotland were supported. The fund out of which they were paid, he said, was created in the last century; when the whole tithes of Scotland, as they then stood, were sold, and the money they produced vested for the purpose. There were, he said, about 900 parishes in Scotland, and their clergy had, he believed, one with another, between eighty and ninety pounds a year; and when their income, from circumstances, was too small, it was made up to a certain amount to such individuals whose pittance was too scanty, by the Assembly of the Kirk, who managed the fund. He lamented, that in consequence of an error in the original proceeding, viz.: the vesting the sum which the sale of the tithes had produced in a fund, instead of laying it out in the purchase of land, and dividing that land so purchased into allotments for the clergy, the latter was not sufficiently provided for. Had the plan he had stated been adopted, the land would have risen in value in proportion to its im-