

welfare of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in Canada, and with past struggles and contentions fresh in their recollection, they would earnestly press on the consideration of the Canadian Parliament, in no unfriendly spirit, whether there would not be danger of reviving feelings of animosity and discontent, if the British inhabitants of the Upper Province were deprived by the Imperial Parliament of that fund for the support of Protestant worship which they have so long enjoyed, and which is now, whether for general or for missionary purposes, more than ever necessary.

18. I cannot thus communicate the views of Her Majesty's Government with respect to the Address of the House of Assembly which I have now to acknowledge, without repeating, in the most distinct terms, that nothing would be more painful to Her Majesty's advisers, or more at variance with their real feelings, than to be involved in any difference or controversy with the Parliament of Canada, and that their only wish upon this difficult subject is to co-operate with the provincial authorities in promoting the permanent interests of all classes of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects.

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