

might be done to promote harmony and peace by the Christian and judicious conduct of a Godly evangelical Bishop, moderate in his ecclesiastical views.

That the entire Clergy, including Missionaries, of our Church in Upper Canada does not exceed one hundred and fifty in number; that at the present time, in the opinion of your memorialists, it would be a matter of extreme difficulty, if not impossibility, for the Church here, with any degree of unanimity, to recommend from amongst so small a number of clergy one to fill the proposed See in whom general confidence could be placed, as having the many other qualifications for a Bishop, combined with a freedom from extreme or party views.

That they exceedingly regret to learn that efforts are being made by a small section of the clergy in this Diocese, having in view the suggestion and recommendation of one of the clergy of said Diocese for consecration to the proposed Bishopric.

That your memorialists would desire to remove any erroneous impression which such efforts might possibly make upon the far distant authorities of the Church in England; either that such proceedings have the sanction of the majority of the members of the Church in this Diocese, or that such appointment would give general satisfaction.

Your memorialists, therefore, would most earnestly and respectfully pray that the Incumbent of the Bishopric of Kingston may be selected from amongst the numerous clergy of the Parent Church in England or Ireland, with the hope that, free from local influences and extreme views, the peace, happiness, and prosperity of our beloved Church may, under the blessing of our Adorable Head, be promoted and secured.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

CITY OF KINGSTON, CANADA, }
December, 1853. }

NOTE.—Since the above correspondence has been put in press, the Rev. Dr. McMurray has published a letter, stating that he intended the word "private," marked in his Circular, with a view to keep the canvass from the knowledge of Archdeacon Bethune, solely, and that only a short time intervened between his posting his first and second packages of Circulars to the Clergy.