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Council shall think absolutely necessary to the exercise of the Roman Catholic Religion by His Majesty's new Subjects.

Fourthly, That the said Superintendant shall not make any new Regulations in respect to Ecclesiastical Affairs, other than such as shall be necessary for the purposes aforesaid; nor shall any regulations whatever be made or established with respect to the Romish Church, or any persons appointed to Ecclesiastical Benefices in the Romish Church within the said Province of Quebec, without the consent and license of the Governor or commander in Chief; nor shall he allow of any public processions, or other ceremonies of Pomp or Parade; but shall take care, that the Rites of the Church of Rome be in all cases observed with such moderation and simplicity, as to avoid all occasion of offence or dispute between His Majesty's Protestant and Roman Catholic Subjects.

Fifthly, That the said person, so licenced, as aforesaid, to superintend the affairs of the Romish Church, shall, before he enters upon the exercise of any of the functions incident to his Superintendancy, take an Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to His Majesty; which Oath shall be taken before the Governor sitting in Council, and entered upon Record in the Council Books.

Sixthly, That if the said person, so licenced to superintend the affairs of the Romish Church, shall in any respect act contrary to the foregoing regulations and restrictions, or shall otherwise misbehave himself, to the danger, Scandal or reproach of His Majesty's Government, the Governor or Commander in Chief shall have power to suspend him from the exercise of his said Superintendancy, transmitting his reasons for so doing to His Majesty by one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

As to the provision necessary to be made for the support and maintenance of the person, so licenced, as aforesaid, to superintend the affairs of the Romish Church, it is proposed, that he be admitted Superiour of the Seminary of Quebec, to be tolerated in manner hereinbefore mentioned, and have such Stipend or appointment, as His Majesty shall think proper out of the Revenues of that Seminary.

These propositions, together with what are before suggested in respect to the Religious Communities, contain every thing we have to submit respecting Ecclesiastical Affairs in Quebec; And your Lorships will observe, that they have for their objects,

First, Such a reform of the several Religious Communities, as can be made without prejudice to that free exercise of the Religion of the Church of Rome, Stipulated by the Treaty of Paris.

Secondly, By vesting the Estates and Property of those Communities in the Crown, to establish a Fund, out of which the Crown will be enabled to make a better provision for the support of a Protestant Ministry; and

Thirdly, To give such toleration to the free exercise of the Roman Catholic Religion by a Parochial Clergy under the Superintendancy of a