

CLERGY RESERVES (CANADA).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 8 March 1855;—for,

A “ COPY of an ACT passed by the LEGISLATURE of *Canada*, and assented to by the GOVERNOR, on the 18th day of December 1854, intituled, ‘ An Act to make better Provision for the Appropriation of Monies arising from Lands heretofore known as the CLERGY RESERVES, by rendering them available for Municipal Purposes.’ ”

Colonial Office, }
12 March 1855. }

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CAP. II.

AN ACT to make better Provision for the Appropriation of Moneys arising from the Lands hitherto known as the CLERGY RESERVES, by rendering them available for Municipal Purposes.

WHEREAS by the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain passed in the Session held in the 31st year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, “ An Act to repeal certain Parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth year of His Majesty’s reign, intituled, ‘ An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province,’ ” it is, among other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, his heirs or successors, to authorise the Governor or Lieutenant-governor of each of the Provinces of Upper Canada and of Lower Canada respectively, or the person administering the government therein, to make from out of the lands of the Crown within such provinces such allotment and appropriation of lands as therein mentioned, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant clergy within the same; and it was further enacted, that all and every the rents, profits, and emoluments which might at any time arise from such lands so allotted and appropriated as aforesaid, should be applicable solely for the maintenance and support of a Protestant clergy within the province in which the same should be situated, and to no other purpose whatever: And whereas, in pursuance of the said Acts, such allotments and appropriations of land as aforesaid have been from time to time reserved for the purposes therein mentioned, which lands are known in this province by the name of the Clergy Reserves: And whereas, by another Act of Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the Session held in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of King George the Fourth, and intituled, “ An Act to authorise the Sale of a Part of the Clergy Reserves in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada,” the Governor, Lieutenant-governor, or person administering the government of the said provinces, or either of them, was empowered, with the consent of the Executive Council of such province, and in pursuance of His Majesty’s instructions, to sell and convey in fee simple, or for any less estate or interest, a part of the said Clergy Reserves in each of the said provinces, not exceeding in either province one-fourth part of the Reserves within the same, nor exceeding 100,000 acres in either of them in any one year; and it was enacted, that the proceeds of such sales should by the proper officers be invested in the public funds of the United Kingdom, and that the dividends and interest of the monies so invested should be appropriated in the