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JESUITS' ESTATES,

AFTER THE SUFPRESSION AND SINCE THE REVIVAL OF THE ORDER, AND ON THE USES TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN APPLIED.

Last year, during the session of Parliament, it was proposed to determine the use to which the Estates of the late Order of Jesuits were to be applied. The Bishops, who claimed those Estates for the purposes of catholic education, presented to the several branches of the Legislature an humble petition to that effect, accompanied with an argumentative Memorandum in which it was clearly shown, it seems to us, that those Estates having been originally acquired or given for the propagation of the catholic faith among the Indians, and the promotion of catholic education in the colony, equity required that, since the government surrendered them to be applied towards the attainment of the