

**Lord Bathurst** (*Secretary of State for Colonies*) **on the Canadian Catholic claims**

" Whatever opinions may be entertained with respect to the adoption of measures for restraining the Catholic church in the province, or reducing its lately acquired superiority, I am sure that you will feel with me that the moment at which His Majesty's Canadian subjects are making the most meritorious exertions in defence of the province, against the enemy, is not the most auspicious for bringing forward any changes which they might, however erroneously, consider as trenching upon the privileges of their church ".

LORD BATHURST to BISHOP MOUNTAIN,  
(Protestant Bishop of Quebec.)

December 27th, 1813.

**Lord Dalhousie's letter to Bishop Panet, on the death of Plessis, 1825.**

" The people of this province of all classes of society have rendered justice to his virtues and his character ; the church has lost a venerable prelate ; the people a firm and indefatigable guardian of its spiritual interests ; the king a loyal and faithful subject. As the representative of His Majesty in this place, I am particularly happy to acknowledge his continual attention and kind acts to me personally ; they have produced that harmony, which existed in all our relations, and you may judge that I experience a sincere grief together with the whole country in this sad circumstance ".