

the Clergy of whom the Bishop was to be the head. I need not say to your Lordship that the measure has been also followed up by a series of acts on the part of Government, in perfect consistency with the intentions thus indicated: a Cathedral Church has been built: Parishes have been constituted: Archdeacons have been erected: and the Clergy in either Province have been formed into a Corporation for the management of the Reserved Lands.

The progress of the Church in the Canadas has abundantly justified whatever provisions have been made towards its establishment. The evil in Canada is not the excess, but the utter insufficiency of such provisions. Whatever future return may be calculated upon from the Clergy-Reserves, (presuming them to continue available for the object to which they were originally appropriated,) the spiritual wants of the Church of England population, are so far beyond the means of at once supplying them from this or any other as yet accessible resource, as to create a strong necessity for at least allaying the sense of those wants by some distinct and determinate proceeding for the endowment of the Church.

I venture, therefore, most respectfully to urge upon the attention of your Lordship the importance of bringing to an issue the long pending questions respecting the Reserves; and of either causing the management and application of the revenues arising from them, to be put in such train as to secure some tangible maintenance to the establishment, or substituting in some other permanent form, a fair equivalent for this appropriation.

I forbear ^{from} troubling your Lordship with a minute detail of those circumstances which may be stated