

"remove every ground of misrepresentation," because the part relating to the state of the Irish peasantry had been grossly misunderstood when delivered from the pulpit; and "I deprecated controversy," because I thought it possible that some of the zealots in this place might ignorantly raise the hue and cry "The Church is in danger!"—being fully aware of a jealous disposition which had previously appeared in forms too contemptible to merit even an allusion. But that a *respectable Clergyman at Fredericton* should fall upon it with as much violence as the decency of modern manners would admit, was an event which I never *once* contemplated. Indeed, I regarded it as a production quite beneath the notice of one classically educated, embracing topics which ought to be familiar to every A.M. of a Scottish University, adapted only to such a meridian as that of New-Brunswick and to such a congregation as that which I address composed of members of the Church of Scotland, as well as Presbyterians from Ireland, the United States, and other quarters of the globe, who could not possibly have been made acquainted in any other way with the Principles and Forms of that Church which I am bound by my ordination vows uniformly to maintain. That it was intended exclusively for the use of my own congregation is evident not only from the very limited number of copies thrown off,* but also from certain internal proofs. It is in fact, a mere compilation—a body of statutory regulations without flesh to give it consistence or blood to act as the circulating medium of nutriment and vigour. I was aware of one copy having gone beyond the limits of my own sphere of pastoral labours, and that one was sent by myself to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, not for the purpose of being replied to at Head-Quarters, but because I viewed that Gentleman as the "Constitutional Guardian of the Established Church in this Province," and was anxious to satisfy him that nothing was addressed to the people of my congregation that was hostile to the British Constitution in Church and State. In these circumstances I view *your* inter-

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