

tenance of a Protestant Clergy within this Province, commonly called the Clergy Reserves, ought, for various reasons, to be sold; that it would be unjust to apply the monies arising from the sale of the same, to the benefit of one or more favored religious denominations, & that it would be impracticable, and from many considerations inexpedient, to distribute the monies arising therefrom among all denominations, and that this House has been unremitting in its endeavors to procure the sale of these lands, and the application of the funds produced by such sale to objects of great importance and interest to the people of this Province; that with this view, the House has heretofore repeatedly passed bills providing for the sale of the Clergy Reserves, and the appropriation of the monies arising therefrom to the support of education, which bills have been rejected without amendment by the Legislative Council; that with the same view this House has repeatedly made known, by humble and dutiful address to His Majesty, their wishes and opinions, and the wishes and opinions of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province on this highly important subject; and this House take this opportunity of declaring that these wishes and opinions, both on the part of this House and of their constituents remain entirely unchanged—that during the second session of the last Parliament, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by message, inform'd this House, that he had received His Majesty's instructions to declare that the representations which had at different times been made to His Majesty and His Royal predecessors, of the prejudice sustained by His Majesty's faithful subjects of this Province from the appropriation of the Clergy Reserves had engaged His Majesty's most attentive consideration, and His Majesty has most graciously been pleased to invite the House of Assembly to consider how the powers given to the Provincial Legislature by the constitutional Act to vary or repeal the provisions which it contains for the allotment and appropriation of the Clergy Reserves could be most advantageously exercised for the spiritual and temporal interests of his faithful subjects in this Province. That this House, in compliance with His Majesty's wishes thus graciously expressed, and with the strong and well known desires of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province, has passed a bill during the present session to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves, and to apply the monies arising from such sale to the support of education—that the Legislative Council has not passed the said bill—has not amended it—and has not passed any other bill on that subject. That under these circumstances, this House cannot but express the extreme astonishment with which it has received the representations of