

sure for dividing the Province into Parishes, a short Act was brought into the Legislature for that purpose, which passed the two Houses, but being necessarily reserved for the assent of His Majesty, it failed to receive attention in England, until the limited period of two years had elapsed, and it could not therefore become a law. In the year 1821, a similar bill was passed, which being sent to England, was assented to in 1823, and is printed in our Statute Book, page 602.*

This Bill met with no opposition that we are aware of, and excited little or no discussion; its object, obviously, was just and reasonable; no imagination that a claim to tithes would ever be advanced by a Clergyman of the Church of England in this Province, had probably entered into the minds of any one; and it was from extreme caution, and most probably from a desire to remove any obstacle that might seem to exist to the erection of Parishes, that the suggestion of such an enactment arose.

During the little attention to the subject of the Clergy Reserves, however, which the pendency of this Bill excited, an opinion was advanced that the words "a Protestant Clergy," used in the 31 Geo. 3, were applicable to the Clergy of the Church of Scotland as well as of the Church of England, and that *that* Church being established in one portion of the United Kingdom, the right of her Clergy to be supported from

* See copy of this Act, Appendix B.