

R E T U R N, &c.

(No. 13.)

No. 1.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Duke of NEWCASTLE to Governor-General the Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, February 17, 1853.

As I find that the records of this Department do not enable me to supply the copy of "the Government Gazette of Canada," or other document containing the copy of an address to your Lordship from the Romish Prelates and Clergy of Quebec in the year 1849, and of the answer thereto, required by an address to Her Majesty from the House of Lords of the 15th instant, copy of which I enclose, I have the honour to request that your Lordship will transmit to me at your earliest convenience copies of such address and reply, for presentation to their Lordships House.

15 February 1853.

I have, &c.

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

No. 2.

CANADA ACTS, 12 Vict. Cap. 136, and 12 Vict. Cap. 143.

Note.—The Canada Acts, 12 Vict. cap. 136 and 143, entitled respectively "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in Lower Canada," and "An Act to incorporate Les Révérends Pères Oblâts de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie, in the Province of Canada," were passed on the 30th May 1849, and left to their operation by Order in Council, dated 8th January 1850.

ANNO DUODECIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

(No. 718.)

Cap. 136.

An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in Lower Canada. [30th May 1849.]

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Joseph Signay, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec, the Right Reverend Ignace Bourget, Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal, and the Right Reverend Joseph Eugène Bruno Guignes, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bytown in this province, have petitioned this Parliament to pass an Act incorporating the said Archbishop and Bishops severally, and enabling each to hold and acquire real estate in this province for religious purposes: And whereas it is expedient to comply with the prayer of the said petition, and nothing but advantage can result therefrom, especially for Her Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects in Lower Canada: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said Joseph Signay and his successors, being Archbishops of Quebec aforesaid in communion with the Church of Rome, the said Ignace Bourget and his successors, being Bishops of Montreal aforesaid in communion with the Church of Rome, and the said Joseph Eugène Bruno Guignes and his successors, being Bishops of Bytown aforesaid in communion with the Church of Rome (for that part of that diocese which is situate in Lower Canada), shall be and are hereby declared to be each respectively a body corporate, in his respective

Preamble.

R. C. Archbishop of Quebec, Bishop of Montreal, and Bishop of Bytown, respectively constituted Corporations.