

Canada heretofore Upper Canada—humbly and respectfully sheweth :

That your memorialists, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, are strongly attached to the Church of their forefathers, the Reformed Church of England and Ireland, of which they are members.

That while their affections and their sympathies extend to and embrace the Parent Church, being resident within the Archdeaconry of Kingston, they feel an especial interest in the welfare of that branch of the Church which has been planted in Canada.

They, therefore, contemplate with sincere gratification the expressed intention of Your Most Gracious Majesty to establish a separate Diocese within the limits of the present Archdeaconry of Kingston, to be called the Diocese of Kingston, having its seat at the city of Kingston, being fully convinced that this important measure must, if judiciously carried out, greatly strengthen and advance the interests and prosperity of the Church in this portion of the rising Province of Canada. They hope that such division may take place at as early a period as possible; and while they most gratefully acknowledge the liberality of the Parent Church, in already providing the nucleus of a fund to secure the payment of the Bishop's salary, they would, with the view of hastening such division, take this opportunity of expressing their willingness to contribute to such a fund to the extent of their ability.

Your memorialists, however, cannot but express their conviction, that much of the expected benefit to be derived from the erection of such new Diocese will depend, under God, on the character and qualifications of the Bishop who may be consecrated to the proposed See.

Whilst they are painfully sensible of the differences of opinion which exist in our Church on points vitally affecting its welfare and usefulness, they are desirous that views consistent with the Articles and Standards of our Church should be held both by the clergy and laity without compromise of principle.

That in the present infant and struggling state of our Church in this Province, the promotion of peace and unanimity of action among its members is essential to its prosperity and development.

That the appointment of a Bishop of extreme or party views to preside over the proposed Diocese would inevitably engender party strife and disunion; while, on the other hand, much