

matter of right, although they would no doubt accept very thankfully a share of the King's bounty as matter of favour. But, my Lord, the most meritorious Ministers among them—the most useful, even those of them who are well known to the Colonial Governments as men of some talents and great loyalty, indulge no very sanguine hope of obtaining from Government any pecuniary assistance. They cannot even say, as the gentleman can of the Kirk Clergy, that two of their Ministers receive a portion of the *Regium Donum*, although it is notorious that their congregations are not better able to support them than the Kirk congregations are to support their Ministers. Hitherto, however, they have not complained, nor are they likely to complain, while they have such honorable company in their honorable poverty as the Clergy of the Kirk : but if a *new* system of patronage is introduced here—Government patronage—they will certainly complain, and that loudly too, if they are excluded from its benefits.

I am truly sorry, my Lord, that the gentleman has forgotten, in the ardor of his zeal, the common courtesies of life, and the justice due to so respectable a body of men as the Church Clergy in Canada, as to call them *greedy* and *intolerant* ! Can any body of men be justly charged with *greediness* merely because they are unwilling to permit another body of men to wrest their *legal* rights out of their hands ? Does not the charge more truly lie against the men who attempt such an illegal act ? Are not the Kirk Clergy the greedy persons in this instance ? Are they not now, have they not been for a long time past, hungering after the property of others ? and are they not now, and without scruple as to the means, whether honorable or dishonorable, striving with all their might to satisfy their greedy appetite, at the expence of the Church Clergy ? *Intolerant* ! I hope, my Lord, that we may never have to do with a more *intolerant* clergy and ecclesiastical landlords than the Clergy of the Church, and that the power to be *intolerant* will never be put into other hands, lest the new *incumbents* might not prove quite so *tolerant* as the old ones. *Intolerant* ! shameless calumny : believe it not, my Lord. It is not believed, because, it does not exist in Canada. It is unjust to call