

that he was a coward, &c. Priest, the day before, said he hoped they were going to settle their differences.

*Rev. John Macdonald.*—I am a Catholic Clergyman, ordained in the usual way in Paris, in 1825, by late Archbishop of Paris. I have a Congregation in Eastern part of King's County. I reside at Bear River. Defendant applied to me on the 31st December, and said he wished to put an end to their unfortunate affairs. I said I could not attend the next day. I asked M'Phee if he thought it was peace Defendant wanted, he said he thought he did. I acceded to it: the difference originated in an impression that I was instrumental in bringing up the troops in the winter of 1843. I had nothing to do with it; there was a prejudice against me because I was a proprietor. I had an appointment at St. Peter's Bay, which I thought it necessary to attend to. I left word to open the Chapel, as I heard there was to be a meeting for peace. They had got up petitions and counter petitions against me. I told them to forget and forgive, and begin the new year in a Christian way. I arrived home 7th January, about half an hour before time of service, and was ignorant of what had taken place. Defendant holds no office in the Church. I thought it my duty to warn the congregation that they should not have two sets of Elders, and that the old ones were the proper ones. It is not customary in the Catholic Church for Laymen to speak when a clergyman is at the altar. No layman has a right to speak. I never saw nor heard of it. Defendant started up and spoke in a very loud voice, and was gesticulating with his hands. I had observed he was extremely agitated. I desired him to be silent. I cannot say what he said; when Defendant was bawling out, I could not speak to my congregation; they also lost their tranquillity. I would have ordered him out, but seeing many of his people around him, I feared a struggle. I could not proceed in the regular order of the service, &c.; immediately knelt down and read the prayer of the day and collect for peace. He was then silent. I was induced to conclude the