

by tithes, and by large endowments of real property derived from the Crown. In the articles of capitulation a very earnest and zealous desire was shewn by the French commander to guard the integrity of this provision, and to secure its perpetual continuance under the change of circumstances which the Colony was about to undergo, and to that end it was stipulated in the 27th and 34th articles of the capitulation, "that the people should be obliged by the English Government to pay to the Priests the tithes they had been used to pay under the Government of the French King; and that all the religious communities, and the Priests, should preserve the property and revenues of the Seigniories, and other estates which they possessed in the Colony, and that the same estates should be preserved in their privileges, rights, tenures and exemptions."

In the year 1774, when His Majesty and the British Parliament were making provision for the better government of the Province of Quebec, a just sense was shewn of the obligation to maintain, for the benefit of these Roman Catholic subjects of the Crown, the provision which had been made among them for the support of religion and the maintenance of public worship, for in the fifth and sixth sections of the Statute 14 Geo. 3. Ch. 83. it is expressly enacted, that the Clergy of the Church of Rome in the Province of Quebec "may hold, receive and enjoy, their accustomed dues and rights with respect to such persons only as shall profess the said religion": and with