

world. Whilst we unite our voices of congratulation with every corner of Your Majesty's vast dominions on Your Majesty's accession to be enthroned in the hearts of your people, we have to lament that these Provinces, which, in point of extent and intrinsic value, form no inconsiderable portion of the British Empire, should have been an exception to that loud burst of joyful acclamation which hailed the commencement of Your Majesty's Reign, by a Rebellion the most uncalled for and contemptible that ever disgraced any country; yet we rejoice to think that Your Majesty's loyal subjects, even without the aid of almost any Military force, have proven their sincere attachment to Your Majesty and the unrivalled Laws of their country, by crushing that foul and unnatural Rebellion to the dust.

Yet, whilst we rejoice that a Traitor dare not raise his voice in our Land, it is with extreme sorrow that we learn that an attempt is about to be made to wound the feelings, and, we dread, to alienate the affections of a great proportion of Your Majesty's truly loyal subjects, by encroachment on their most sacred Liberty—the Liberty of conscience, by attempting to establish the Church of England, with the same dominant powers as it possesses in England, in this Province.

Far be it from us to undervalue that Church at the Altar of which our beloved Sovereign bows, and to the doctrine and discipline of which several of ourselves firmly adhere, nor do we, in this our humble address to Your Majesty, mean to advocate any particular claim that it or the Church of Scotland has to any special endowments of Lands, or other public grants or emoluments; but we beg most sincerely to assure Your Majesty, that in our opinion, it would be the most unwise and impolitic scheme that Your Majesty's advisers could possibly devise for the peace of this Province, to attempt to establish any Church with dominant powers within it.

It would be easy to show to Your Majesty the real proportion which the members of the Church of England bear to the rest of the population, and which, we are convinced, would at once satisfy Your Majesty, that she has not a shadow of a claim, in point of numbers, to any supremacy; but we trust that this will not be necessary, and your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take such steps as will allay the fears of your loyal and dutiful subjects, and completely prevent

any true of envy or jealousy therein.

(Signed) James Wylie, Foreman
J. McKay, J. P.
Simon Fraser, J. P.
Donald Fraser, J. P.
Daniel O'Connor, J. P.
Josias Tayler, J. P.
John Ferguson, J. P.
John Haggart, G. J.
Arch. McNab of McNab, J. P.
John McIntyre, J. P.
Daniel Fisher, J. P.
Wm. Thompson, G. J.
Anthony Leslie, J. P.
J. McNaughtan, J. P.
George Buchanan, J. P.
Henry Glas, J. P.
Matthew Leach, J. P.
Joshua Adams, J. P.

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(No. 157.)

Copy of a Despatch from Lord GLENELG to Major General Sir G. ARTHUR, K. C. H., Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.

Downing Street, 24th October, 1838.

SIR,—I have received your despatch, No. 64, of the 22d September, transmitting the Copy of a memorial addressed to you by the Reverend Alexander Gale, as Moderator of the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, together with a minute of the Executive Council on this document.

Having in former communications fully expressed the views of Her Majesty's Government on the points to which this memorial refers, I have only to convey to you my approval of your determination, in accordance with those views, to endeavor to effect such an adjustment of the question as may be calculated to meet the reasonable wishes of the several Denominations of Christians in Upper Canada, and to express my hope that your efforts will be attended with a successful result.

I have had the honor to lay at the foot of the Throne the address to the Queen from the Grand Jury of the District of Bathurst, transmitted in your despatch, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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