

RETURN of Property surrendered by certain Clergymen of the Church of England—continued.

Appendix.

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Sir,

Government House, 4 April 1836.

I HAVE laid your letter of the 2d instant before the Lieutenant-Governor, and have the honour to forward to you, by his Excellency's command, the document therein applied for. Letter from J. Joseph, Esq. to J. Perry, Esq.

I think it right to add, for the information of the Committee, that a rejoinder to the Lieutenant-Governor's answer to the Address of the Citizens of Toronto was left at the Government-House in a sealed cover, and returned unread to Mr. George Ridout, who had brought up and read to his Excellency the Address; that gentleman, however, disclaimed all participation in the Rejoinder, and forwarded it to Mr. Jesse Ketchum, one of the subscribers.

**Peter Perry, Esq., M. P.,
Chairman, &c.**

I have the honour to be, &c.
(signed) *J. Joseph.*

(S.)

REJOINDER to the foregoing REPLY, which has this day been laid before His Excellency.

May it please your Excellency,

WE thank your Excellency for replying to our Address, "principally from the industrious classes of the city," with as much attention as if it had proceeded from either of the branches of the legislature; and we are deeply sensible, in receiving your Excellency's reply, of your Excellency's condescension in endeavouring to express yourself in plainer and more homely language, presumed by your Excellency to be thereby brought down to the lower level of our plainer and more homely understandings. But we beg leave, in justification of those classes, to assure your Excellency, that any comparison which may have passed in your Excellency's mind between them and the more unfortunate and less favoured in the parishes of the parent State, is by no means founded in truth. The industrious classes of this city have for many years been seriously impressed with the duty and importance of acquiring knowledge, for the general diffusion of which they have, by their own efforts and at their own expense (with the aid of generous and patriotic friends), so far successfully laboured as to be able to appreciate good writing and fair reasoning. We desire respectfully to inform your Excellency, in the plain and homely language of industrious men, that any supposed necessity for this great condescension of your Excellency, could not have existed, in any degree, had not past administrations sadly neglected our claims to the blessings of general education. Lest your Excellency should doubt our sufficient appre-