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CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT.

COPY OF

A LETTER addressed to *R. J. Wilmot Horton, Esq.* by the Rev. Dr. STRACHAN, Archdeacon of *York, Upper Canada*, dated 16th May 1827; respecting the State of the Church in that Province.

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SIR,

I TAKE the liberty of enclosing for the information of Lord Goderich, an Ecclesiastical Chart of the Province of *Upper Canada*, which I believe to be correct, for the present year 1827, and from which it appears that the Church of England has made considerable progress, and is rapidly increasing.

The people are coming forward in all directions, offering to assist in building churches, and soliciting with the greatest anxiety the establishment of a settled minister; indeed the prospect of obtaining a respectable clergyman unites neighbourhoods together, and when one is sent of a mild conciliatory disposition, he is sure, in any settlement in which he may be placed, to form the respectable part of the inhabitants into an increasing congregation. There are in the province 150 townships, containing from 40 to 500 families, in each of which a clergyman may be most usefully employed; and double this number will be required in less than twelve years.

When contrasted with other denominations, the Church of England needs not to be ashamed of the progress she has made. Till 1818 there was only one clergyman in *Upper Canada*, a member of the Church of Scotland. This gentleman brought up his two sons in the Church of England, of which they are now parish priests. After his death his congregation was split into three divisions, which with another collected at *Kingston* in 1822, count four congregations in all, which are in communion with the Kirk of Scotland. Two are at present vacant, and of the two Scotch clergymen now in the province, one has applied for holy orders in the Church of England.

The teachers of the different denominations, with the exception of the two ministers of the Church of Scotland, four congregationalists, and a respectable English missionary who presides, of a Wesleyan Methodist Meeting, at *Kingston*, are for the most part from the United States, where they gather