

to my representations of the claims of the Church in Canada, and the urgent need experienced by the Bishop of Quebec, of assistance in the labours of his Diocese.

Your Lordship having been pleased to inform me that the questions affecting the Church Establishment in Canada, and especially as it regards the Clergy-Reserves, must be decided, upon the Report of the Royal Commissioners who have been sent to that country, I have only, with all respect, to express, on behalf of those interests which I have been deputed to represent, my most earnest hope that the instructions conveyed by His Majesty's Government to the Commissioners, will direct their attention to the subject in all the serious, and I surely may be allowed to say, the sacred importance which belongs to it—involving as it does, not only the security of those pledges given to the Church, the maintenance of which, as I humbly conceive, is a matter wholly independent of any adjustment of political differences,—but the present and future provision for the religious wants of a rapidly increasing population, who, without such provision, have prospects before them, such as it is afflicting to contemplate.

The disposal, however, of the question which concerns the Church-Establishment at large, being thus left contingent upon the Report of the Commissioners, and the Bishop having the advantage of communication with them upon the spot,* the Church ought to repose in the confidence that the issue will be favorable to her claims, and to reserve all further plea addressed to the Home Government, till a necessity for it shall appear.

I pass, therefore, under permission from your Lordship, to the other point to which I was

* The writer was himself in communication, by letter, with the Bishop.