

cession, or in favour of churches or sects, which have not complied with the Law, and are represented by no church court, or executive, such assessments will be divided among the other Churches, according to the proportion of the sums they have collected the same year.

Government proposes, for the approbation of the Legislature, to levy a contribution, or assessment, for the above purposes, as follows :—

4s. from all Leaseholders not over £25 Rent,	
7s. 6d.	25 to 60,
12s. 6d.	60 & up'rds ;

and the following from Freeholders who would not come under a greater rate if assessed as Leaseholders :—

5s. from all Freeholders not under 50 acres,	
7s. 6d. /	50 to 100.

Freeholders owning more than 100 acres would pay 7s. 6d., and a farthing per acre for every *additional acre* ;—the payer of the tax stating, at the time he pays it, to the support of which denomination his money goes.

As increasing the influence of their particular Churches, the wealthier classes of society would of course have no objection to *their* assessments being fixed higher in proportion to those of the poorer classes than has been proposed above ; but Government, and the people generally, would both prefer that by the system no *greater preponderance be given to property*, and that those who can afford to give more should communicate directly with their own Churches on the *voluntary system*.

The inhabitant would be handed an account of all the different taxes payable by him, (the church assessment being merely *one item*.) He would require to pay the whole or none, so that he never would be distrained for *church assessments* alone.

This tax would not come into the hands of the Government ; and, as merely binding the people to *what they themselves say they are anxious to do*, it might be called by a gentler name. It should be collected by some of the present Town or District Officers, (probably the Treasurer,) under sufficient securities to the public, so that *the expense of collection would be trifling*. The money received from assessments would fall to be by him paid into the hands of a central agent at Toronto, (*this is the only officer accumulated by the system*) appointed by the House of Assembly, and subject to the Governor's approval, and under heavy securities, to be by him, under the regulation of the Statute, paid over to the executives of the different Churches, viz. :—