

2 RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE

Resolved—That it has been advanced by other portions of the people of this province that all protestant denominations have a right, in common with the Church of England, to have their clergy supported from the reserves in question, and that no exclusive right can be vindicated under the act, in favor of any one or more protestant churches.

Resolved—That efforts have also been made to procure a total abolition of this provision for the support of religion, by obtaining an act of the Provincial Legislature, directing the sale of the reserves, and the appropriation of the proceeds to purposes of general education.

Resolved—That by these conflicting claims and opposing views, in regard to a subject of so great interest and importance, the minds of His Majesty's subjects in this province have for a long period been rendered anxious and unsettled, and, in the opinion of the Legislative Council, it is for many reasons much to be desired, that a speedy and final settlement should take place of the questions which have arisen upon the effect of the enactments referred to, and that it should be plainly, certainly and firmly established to what specific objects the Clergy Reserves shall be permanently applied.

Resolved—That the Legislative Council, confiding in the wisdom and justice of His Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, think it expedient and proper humbly to address His Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, representing that the Legislature of this Province has been unable to concur in any measures respecting the Clergy Reserves; and earnestly requesting that the Imperial Parliament will, with as little delay as possible, make such an enactment on the subject as cannot appear to leave any room for doubt or question in regard to the objects to which the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves are to be applied; and that having regard to the present condition and future welfare of this colony, and maturely considering whatever has been urged or may be urged in regard to these reserves, they will, by some measure which shall be final and unequivocal, make such an appropriation of them as shall appear to be most consistent with a due regard to religion, to the principles of our constitution, and to the permanent welfare and tranquillity of the province.

RESOLUTION of the House of Assembly growing out of the foregoing.

Resolved.—That this House has repeatedly expressed the opinion that the lands appropriated for the support and main-