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Enclosure No. 2.

No. 8.
Lieutenant
Governor Simcoe
to
the Duke of
Portland,
20th June 1796.
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Sir,

Niagara, 2d June 1796.

I HAD the Honour of your Excellency's Letter of this Date, desiring my
"Opinion whether the Bishop of Quebec, or his Commissary Mr. Stuart, is
"authorized to grant Licences to Ministers of Churches dissenting from the
"Established Church of England to solemnize Marriages, and whether
"Marriages solemnized under such Authority will be valid and legal, any
"Law of this Province notwithstanding," and can at present only inform
your Excellency that the Exercise of this Power depends upon the Lord
Bishop's Commission, and the Nature of his Instructions. If they extend
to invest his Lordship with this Power it will certainly not militate against
any Law of the Province, but (as I conceive) rather be upheld by the
25 Hen. 8. c. 21, which I beg to submit to your Excellency's Wisdom.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. WHITE, A. G.

No. 9.

From the Duke of PORTLAND to Lieutenant Governor SIMCOE, dated Whitehall,
22d June 1796.

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The Duke of
Portland
to
Lieutenant
Governor Simcoe,
22d June 1796.

(No. 15.)—Extract.

AFTER what I have urged to you in my Despatch of 6th April 1795, upon
the Subject of a suitable Provision being made by the Colony for the Mainte-
nance of its own Clergy, it is scarcely necessary for me to remind you that the
Allowances given by the Government of this Country must only be con-
sidered to be temporary, and as Aids and Inducements to the several
Parishes to devise some Means of providing for their own Clergy until such
Time as the Church Lands shall become sufficiently productive for that
Purpose; but as it has been determined to abandon every Idea of any Pay-
ment in the Nature of Tithes, I cannot too often repeat to you that it appears
to me of the most extreme Importance that no Time should be lost in
fixing upon some Mode of securing a suitable Maintenance for the officiating
Clergy of the Province, in the Case above specified.