

(CIRCULAR.)

Quebec, 26th MAY, 1851.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Although the threatened measure for the spoliation of the Clergy-Reserves does not appear to be very closely impending,—since no intimation has been yet received of any such action taken by the Imperial Parliament, now in Session, as would enable the Provincial Legislature to deal with the subject,—yet it would be matter of regret to lose the opportunity of the meeting of the Clergy (of which you have been notified) in triennial Visitation, conspiring, as it does, with the Anniversary Meeting of the Church Society, to make a proper demonstration against a project so distinctly oppressive in its character, and so fraught with calamity to the interests of Religion.

I trust that the laity of the Diocese are alive to the magnitude of the mischief with which we are menaced, and the extent of spiritual privation which it would inflict upon our people in the scattered and backward settlements of this Diocese, where our Church has preached the Gospel to the poor. Even where the country congregations are able in some little measure to contribute to the moderate and frugal support of the holy Ministry, it is well known to all persons who have opportunities of information, that they cannot do so unaided. It is equally well known that the generous Society for the Propagation of the Gospel which has fostered the Church throughout the Colonies, has been compelled, under the pressure of still extending demands upon its resources, to commence a system of gradual reduction and final extinction of the charges upon its funds, for the North American Church.

Under such circumstances as these, the lay-members of our communion, will, it can be little doubted, feelingly recognize the call which lies upon them to do all which God shall enable them to do to save from confiscation the slender patrimony of the Church in the Diocese, and to avert the reproach which will be slung back upon them by their suffering posterity, if they fail manfully to stand forward in defence of that endowment which cannot—we may proclaim it before the world—which cannot be wrested from us without exposing the authors and abettors of the measure to the charge of making an open assault upon the cause of Religion, and involving themselves in a violation of public faith. Let us only hope and pray that they may themselves be brought to see the proceeding in this its true character, before it be too late.

In this crisis, then, of our affairs, I have to request that you will propose either to the Church-Wardens of the Church or the several Churches which you may individually serve, or else to such other fitting representatives of our ecclesiastical interests, (being communicants of the Church,) as may be chosen by yourself and your congregation or congregations, two representing each, to accompany you when you attend the Visitation, in order to take part in the quality of Delegates for the defence of the Church patrimony, in that portion of the proceedings of the Anniversary Meeting above-mentioned, which will specially relate to the subject of the Clergy-Reserves, and, if need be, to assist in prosecution of any ulterior movement relative to that subject, upon which the meeting may agree.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your affectionate brother,

G. J. QUEBEC.

## LIST OF THE CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

(Those marked thus, \* were absent.)

Parish or Mission.	Name of Clergyman.	Names of Delegates.
Bourg Louis,.....	Rev. Thos. Pennefather, B. A.*	{ Antill Panet. Joseph Beer, J. P.
Bury,.....	John Kemp,.....	Francis Martin.
Cape Cove,.....	Robert Short,.....	
Compton,.....	Charles Peter Reid,.....	
Drummondville,.....	George McLeod Ross,....	
Dudswell,.....	Thomas Shaw Chapman,....	{ Simon Gavin. Amos Bishop.
Eaton,.....	John Dalziel,.....	
Frampton East,....		{ Dr. Forest. Thomas Hall.
Standon,.....	Wm. Chadwick Merrick,....	{ William Bagley. Joshua Smith.

Frampton West,.....	Jacob van Linge, B. D., James Mills.
Gaspé Basin,.....	* Francis de Lamare,.....
Grosse Isle,.....	William Wickes, M. A.,
Hatley,.....	Henry George Burrage,...
Inverness,.....	Samuel Hoare Simpson,...
Kingsey,.....	
Upper Durham,....	Andrew Balfour,.....
Leeds,.....	John Carry,.....
Lennoxville,.....	* William Valentine Lloyd,
Magdalen Islands,...	Felix Boyle,.....
Malbaie,.....	Fredk. Augustus Smith,...
Melbourne,.....	Daniel Falloon, D. D.,...
Montmorenci Falls,...	Robert Raby Burrage,....
New Carlisle,.....	* George Milne, M. A.,...
Nicolet,.....	Henry Buges, B. A.,...
Portneuf,.....	Richard Lewis,.....
Pointe Levi,.....	
New Liverpool,....	John Torrance,.....
QUEBEC, Cathedral,...	George Mackie, D. D.,...
Trinity Chapel,...	{ Edmund Willoughby Sewell,.....
St. Peter's Chapel,...	{ Charles Henry Stew- art, B. A.,.....
St. Paul's Chapel,...	Gilbert Percy, B. A.,....
St. Matthew's Chapel,.....	Robert George Plees,....
All Saints' Chapel,...	{ Armine W. Mountain, B. A.,.....
Rivière du Loup en bas,.....	{ George Mackie, D. D.,... Edward George William
Rivière du Loup en haut,.....	{ Ross,.....
Saint Giles,.....	Narcisse Guérout,.....
St. Joseph,.....	
St. George's,.....	William King,.....
St. Margaret's,....	
Broughton,.....	
Sherbrooke,.....	Isaac Hellmuth,.....
Three Rivers,.....	{ Samuel Simpson Wood, M. A.,.....
Valcartier,.....	Edward Cullen Parkin,...

Clergy holding no parochial charge.

Jasper H. Nicolls, M. A., Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

George Cowell, M. A., Chaplain to the Forces at Quebec.

\* John Butler, Head Master of the Grammar School, Lennoxville.

(The Rev. Lucius Doolittle, absent from the Diocese on leave.)

## CENTRAL BOARD.

Quebec, July 14th, 1851.

At the stated Meeting of the Central Board held this day, Present, the Lord Bishop of Quebec (in the Chair,) the Revs. Official Mackie, D. D., D. Falloon, D. D., W. King, S. S. Wood, R. Lewis, T. Pennefather, A. W. Mountain, J. H. Nicolls, C. P. Reid, H. G. Burrage, S. H. Simpson, and J. Torrance; Lieut. Col. Streetfield, R. E.; and C. N. Montizambert, Esquire.

The Meeting was opened by the usual form of prayer.

The resolution of the Annual Meeting of the Society appointing the Central Board was read: and the minutes of the last two Meetings.