

their clergy should be stripped of their maintenance, and the whole people made subject to laws enacted by an assembly, from which they were to be excluded, and in the election of whose members they were to be deprived of all share? Upon what ground or pretence is it asserted, That a clause, which expressly takes away from the parish priests their legal title to tithes of the lands held by protestants, and which our great crown-lawyers declared the king could not deprive them of by his prerogative, can be said to establish popery, and grant only a precarious toleration to the church of *England*?——But I will not anticipate what will come more properly into discussion, when the act itself is considered.

The death of the bishop of *Quebec*, which happened in the year 1760, brought on the consideration of the appointment of a successor; which was certainly a matter of much importance  
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