

Kirk it has always been, and now is, courteous and conciliating—whether or not they have been always met in the same spirit, is well known in Kingston. There is no part of their conduct, taken as a body, that can justify the broad and unqualified censure passed upon them by the gentleman. The opposition made by the Church Clergy to the *illegal* claims of the Kirk to a share of the Clergy reserves, cannot justify the language and spirit of his letter. The Church Clergy, in answer to their claim of right, *merely* say, we deny the existence of such a right—the right is in ourselves—the law has vested in us and us *only*, a right to the Clergy reserves, and long and undisturbed possession has established that right beyond legal question. They say to the (Kirk) Clergy, if you have any legal right, resort to a legal remedy, for every such right must have such remedy : sue for your share of the proceeds—attach the whole profits in the hands of the receivers, and bring the question to legal issue. Why have not some legal steps been taken by the Clergy of the Kirk ? Have they been told by their legal advisers that they can not even come into Court, much less maintain an action for any part of the reserves ?—No, and for an overwhelming reason, the Quebec act knows nothing about them. Even therefore if they could prove that the Kirk is, by virtue of the articles of Union, raised to the high preeminence of a National establishment in all Colonies conquered since the Union, which they cannot do, it would not help them in the least, because they are not named in the Quebec act, by which the Clergy reserves were created and appropriated—for no body of men have any legal title whatsoever to the Clergy reserves, or the rents and profits arising therefrom, but the body of men named in the act itself.

Hence it appears that the Scotch Clergy have no better claim to a share in the profits of the reserves than the Ministers of any other Dissenting protestant communion—than the Independants, &c. for none of them are named in the Quebec act ; so that the other protestant denominations discover more good sense and modesty, and a better knowledge of the law, than the Scotch Clergy in the present instance—by foregoing all claim to the reserves as