

CLERGY RESERVES (CANADA).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 14 July 1842;—for,

ACCOUNTS of the PROCEEDS of all SALES of the CLERGY RESERVES in *Canada*, and of the Amount thereof invested in the PUBLIC FUNDS in the Province of *Canada*, or in the PUBLIC FUNDS of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and of the Annual Interest and Dividends thereof; distinguishing the Sales which were effected under the Authority of the Act 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 62, and those which have taken place under the Act 3 & 4 Vict., c. 78:—Of all RENTS arising from the CLERGY RESERVES that have been demised for any Term of Years, and of the Amount of the ANNUAL FUND directed to be formed under the Act 3 & 4 Vict., c. 78:—Of the ANNUAL STIPENDS and DIVIDENDS which are payable out of said ANNUAL FUND, and were assigned and given to the Clergy of the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, and to any other Religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians in *Canada*, and to which the Faith of the Crown is pledged; distinguishing such Religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians, and specifying the Amount payable to each respectively out of said Fund:—Of the Application and Appropriation of the said ANNUAL FUND to the Churches of *England* and of *Scotland*, and of the Application of such Part thereof as the Act 3 & 4 Vict. directs the Governor of *Canada* to apply to the Purposes of Public Worship and Religious Instruction in *Canada*; distinguishing the Religious Bodies and Denominations of Christians to whose Public Worship and Religious Instruction such Annual Fund shall have been applied.

Colonial Office, Downing-street,
30 May 1843. }

G. W. HOPE.

(No. 40.)

—No. 1.—

My Lord,

Government House, Kingston, 10 March 1843.

IN reply to your Lordship's Despatch of the 18th July 1842, No. 294, conveying to me Her Majesty's pleasure that certain Returns required by the House of Commons, according to the Address therein enclosed, should be prepared forthwith, I have the honour to state, that it is only within the present week that I have been able to obtain from the different officers the necessary information to complete these Returns, which I now lose no time in transmitting.

As your Lordship has already anticipated, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury will be able to furnish the most accurate statement of the amount of the Clergy Reserve Fund invested in the Public Funds of Great Britain, and of the annual interest and dividends therefrom. It remains for me to state, with reference to this fund, that it arises entirely from sales effected under the Act 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 62.

I have, &c.

The Right honourable Lord Stanley,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Charles Bagot.

Vide Return No. 3.

AN ACCOUNT of the PROCEEDS of all SALES of the CLERGY RESERVES in *Canada*, invested in the Public Funds* in the Province of *Canada*, and of the Annual Interest and Dividends thereof; distinguishing the Sales which were effected under the Authority of the Act 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 68, and those which have taken place under the Act 3 & 4 Vict., c. 78.

—Nil.—

* For Return showing the Amount of Investments in the British Funds, vide No. 3.

AN ACCOUNT of all RENTS arising from the CLERGY RESERVES that have been demised for any Term of Years, and of the Amount of the Annual Fund directed to be formed under the Act 3 & 4 Vict., c. 78.

Total Amount of Rents of Leased Clergy Reserves in Canada West, collected by the Commissioner of Crown Lands during the year 1842 - - £.1,108. 0. 7.

The same in Canada East - - - - - Nil.

No monies have been available for the formation of the fund directed by the Act 3 & 4 Vict. c. 78.

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE PROCEEDS ARISING FROM

AN ACCOUNT of the ANNUAL STIPENDS and DIVIDENDS which are payable out of the said Annual Fund, and were assigned and given to the Clergy of the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, and to any other Religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians in *Canada*, and to which the Faith of the Crown is pledged; distinguishing such Religious Bodies or Denominations of Christians, and specifying the Amount payable to each respectively out of said Fund, and of the Application and Appropriation of such Annual Fund to the Churches of *England* and of *Scotland*, and of the Application of such part thereof, as the Act 3 & 4 Vict. directs the Governor of *Canada* to apply to the purposes of Public Worship and Religious Instruction in *Canada*; distinguishing the Religious Bodies and Denominations of Christians to whose Public Worship and Religious Instruction such Annual Fund shall have been applied.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Lord Bishop of Toronto, as Archdeacon of York	-	-	300	-	-	-
Archdeacon of Kingston	-	-	300	-	-	-
Rev. G. O'Kill Stewart, as one of the Ministers of the Church of England	-	-	100	-	-	-
Missionaries of the Church of England	-	-	6,207	18	4	
Retired Missionaries of ditto	-	-	115	-	-	
Widows of Missionaries of ditto	-	-	225	-	-	
TOTAL Church of England	-	-		7,247	18	4
The Rev. William Bell, Presbyterian Minister, Perth, Military Settlement	-	-	100	-	-	
Church of Scotland, Canada East, drawn from England	-	-	500	-	-	
Presbyterian Synod of Canada	-	-	1,540	-	-	
Ditto - ditto of Upper Canada	-	-	700	-	-	
TOTAL Church of Scotland	-	-		2,840	-	-
Roman Catholic Bishop	-	-	500	-	-	
Ditto - ditto Clergy	-	-	1,000	-	-	
TOTAL Church of Rome	-	-		1,500	-	-
Secretary to Clergy Corporation	-	-		270	-	-
TOTAL per Annum, about (Sterling)*	-	£.		11,857	18	4

No appropriation has yet been made for public worship "and religious instruction," under the 3 & 4 Vict., c. 78, no investments having yet been effected under the said Act.

(Separate.)

—No. 2.—

My Lord,

Government House, Kingston, 10 March 1843.

WITH reference to my Despatch, No. 40, of the present date, transmitting certain Returns relative to the Clergy Reserve Fund, in compliance with the instructions conveyed in your Lordship's Despatch of the 18th July 1842, No. 204, I have the honour to add the following statement for your Lordship's information, which, as it was not called for by the House of Commons, I have not deemed proper to append to those documents:

The total number of Clergy lots under lease in Canada West is 1,147, at an aggregate annual rental of 4,096 *l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*

Of this amount, there would only be collected in the year 1842, including arrears for previous years, the sum stated in the above Returns; viz., 1,108 *l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

In Canada East there are 78 Clergy lots under lease, at an annual rental of 258 *l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*, of which no portion was received during the year 1842.

There have also been sold in Canada East 8,400 acres of Clergy lands on quit-rent amounting altogether to 1,690 *l.*, which, at an interest of 5 per cent., should yield annually, 84 *l.* 10*s.*; but of this amount no portion was received during the year 1842.

From this statement your Lordship will perceive how disadvantageous the system of leasing these lands has proved, and how urgent the necessity was for abandoning it. At first sight your Lordship might be disposed to consider that measures might be adopted to compel the more punctual payment of these rents, but experience has proved the almost total insufficiency of past efforts of this nature; and I have, on a previous occasion, adverted to the irritation and ill-will which would be sure to follow the adoption of any extreme legal measures

* The excess of this charge above the proceeds of the Clergy Reserve Fund is defrayed out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, with the exception of the sum of 469 *l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, for which the Imperial Government has become liable during the year 1842, under the 8th section of the Act 3 & 4 Vict., c. 78, guaranteeing a certain amount to the Churches of England and Scotland within the Province.

measures by the Government, or any public corporation, to enforce the payment of instalments by a number of tenants of this class.

I have, however, some hope that by a watchful supervision of the agents, and perhaps by some modification of the present arrangement for receiving the rents, a larger annual income may in future be derived from this source. The attention of the department with whom the collection rests has been given to the matter, and its best efforts will be directed to this object.

I have, &c.

The Right honourable Lord Stanley,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *Charles Bagot.*

P. S.—In the return of payments to which the faith of the Crown is pledged, the sum of 700*l.*, formerly received by the Wesleyans, has been intentionally omitted, as it has not been paid since the Union; and Her Majesty's Government has decided that, under present circumstances, it shall continue to be withheld.

—No. 3.—

A STATEMENT, showing the Amount of the Investments in the PUBLIC FUNDS of the United Kingdom, on account of the SALES of CLERGY RESERVES in *Canada*, together with the Amount of the Annual Interest and Dividends derivable from those Investments.

	STOCK, 3 per Cent. Consols.		ANNUAL INTEREST.	
	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
Investment on account of Sales in Upper Canada	- 119,283	4 10	3,578	10 -
Ditto - - - - in Lower Canada	- 47,259	14 11	1,417	15 10
£.	166,542	19 9	4,996	5 10

A Bill for £.3,000, drawn by J. H. Dunn, Esq., the Receiver-general of Canada, on the Lords of the Treasury, in favour of the Paymaster of Civil Services, has been received, and will become due on the 19th June next, of which £.2,538. 10. 8. will be invested on account of the Upper Province, and £.461. 9. 4. on account of the Lower Province.

Pay Office, Civil Services,
26 May 1843. }

(signed) *W. Sargent.*

CLERGY RESERVES (CANADA).

RETURN of the Amount of INVESTMENTS, RENTS,
and ANNUAL STIPENDS, &c. arising from the
CLERGY RESERVES in *Canada*.

(Mr. Sheil.)

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