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Unto the Queens most  
Excellent Majesty.

The Memorial of the  
Reverend the Presbytery of  
Kingston Canada West. in  
connection with the Church  
of Scotland,

Humbly sheweth,

That by the piety and  
munificence of his late  
Majesty King George 3<sup>d</sup>. a  
Grant of Land throughout  
this Province called the  
Clergy Reserves was set apart  
for the support of a Protestant  
Clergy.

That your Memorialists  
and the Church to which they  
belong, were for many years  
excluded from participation  
in this Grant on the plea  
that these Reserves were  
specially and solely intended

for the support of the Clergy in  
connection with the Church of  
England. - That a decision was  
pronounced by the twelve Judges  
of England, by which the <sup>clergy of the</sup> Church  
of Scotland were declared to be  
entitled to a share of the Revenues.

That in the year 1837 an  
act was passed by the Imperial  
Parliament, and sanctioned  
by the Sovereign, providing for  
the final settlement of the  
question according to the terms  
of the preamble of the said  
act, wherein it is declared that  
it is expedient to provide for  
the final disposition of the  
lands called Clergy Reserves in  
Canada. -

That the adjustment then  
effected has hitherto given  
general satisfaction to the

loyal

loyal, well disposed, & Protestant  
inhabitants of the Province and  
has been found to be productive  
of much good in the support  
of religion in poor & thinly  
settled localities, where,  
without such a provision, a  
regular supply of divine service,  
and a settled Ministry, could  
not be maintained.

That by these Resolves, a  
provision has been made for  
the support of religion,  
neither infringing upon  
the rights nor affecting the  
interests of any portion of  
your Majesty's subjects. -

That your Memorialists  
have perceived with deep regret  
that an address to the  
Imperial Parliament has been  
lately adopted by the House  
of Assembly having for its

object the diversion of the Clergy  
Reserves from the support of  
Religion altogether, to that of (not true)  
secular education, from  
which Religion is indistinctly  
excluded.

That the said Address  
in its leading principles was  
carried by a very slender majority (not true)  
in the House of Assembly,  
and of that majority the  
greater number are Roman (not true)  
Catholics whose object is to  
subject all Protestant religious (used calumniously)  
institutions and that it was  
never concurred in by, nor  
submitted to the Legislative  
Council.

That the House of  
Assembly which now seeks  
to alienate the Reserves set  
apart for the support of a  
Protestant Clergy has lately

Done to Protestant  
denominations

granted Acts of Incorporation  
to numerous bodies of Roman  
Catholics conferring on them  
extensive privileges, and  
entitling them to hold  
fixed property to an  
enormous value.

(not true)

That the object of the  
present attempt by the House  
of Assembly is to despoil the  
Church of Scotland and other  
Protestant Religious bodies of  
any participation in the funds  
and lands specially devoted  
& appropriated "for the maintenance  
of Religion and the advancement  
of knowledge within the Province  
of Canada" and thereby to  
withdraw from Religion that  
support which is so essential  
to its maintenance & extension,  
in the present state of this  
Country, & which your Memorials

regard it as the first duty of a  
Christian State at all times to  
afford.

That the present attempt  
is likely to inflict a serious  
injury on the peace of this  
Province by opening up such  
an important religious question  
for fresh discussion, that if  
successful it will have the  
effect of leaving many of the  
poorer parts of this Country  
miserably supplied with the  
means of grace and in very  
few parts of it will the Ministers  
of Religion be able to obtain  
anything like a certain or  
adequate support, and that  
by repealing the Act of the  
Imperial Legislature, declared  
in the strongest manner to be a  
final settlement, all confidence  
will be destroyed in the stability

and

and security of our Acts of the  
British Parliament in future.

Your Memorials do  
therefore beseech your Majesty  
to refuse assent to the address  
of the House of Assembly, and  
to preserve in all its integrity  
the settlement already made  
of the Clergy Reserves for the  
support of that Religion  
which setteth a nation.

Signed in name and by  
appointment by the Presbytery.

J. G. M. Smith M.A.

Moderator of Presbytery,  
pro. tem.

Clergy Reserves

Petition  
of the Presbytery of  
Kingston, in connection  
with the Church of Scotland,  
ag<sup>t</sup> the address of  
the Leg. Assembly,  
adopted in 1850