

XXIII. John Ince

P.S. Do you know John Jobb son of the late Judge and nephew of the well known Bishop of Downpatrick. If you do not know him, Dr Hook can tell you of him, as he preached one of the sermons at the consecration of Leeds Church. I have suggested to him (Jobb) that when the District of Port Phillip is separated from this, and created into a separate Diocese, he should apply for it. This I did first because I believe him to be a good and fit man, Next because he is the son in law of Sir Richard Bourke, and brother in law of our present Colonial Secretary. In that relation Jobb, as a Bishop, would have a strong hold upon the Catholic and other followers of Sir Richard, and also upon the Romanists who nearly adore him: he could maintain

maintain his own principles (which are pretty high but so far as I know very just) without incurring the imputation of being illiberal, which is always the cry against me, and the like of me: and lastly his connexion with the plan: See ³ would put him in a position to do many things for the good of the Church which another could not pretend to. Pray think whether you can aid him. Sir Robert Inglis knows him well; and I am persuaded would stand his friend.

By this Mail I send to Mr. Hawker's papers of much importance relative to securing some land for the endowment of this See. You ought to see them. The contest, if there is to be one, will be in the Colonial Office: which hint I am sure you will not neglect. I trust that the Bishop of London to whom I have written largely and earnestly (but not more so than the subject deserves) will be vigilant and active as usual.