

Appendix
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7th May.

to afford the information which it may be requisite to lay before Her Majesty for Her ultimate consideration and determination.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed,) J. M. HIGGINSON.

The Lord Bishop,
President, &c.
King's College.

No. 6.—*Letter from the Private Secretary to the Principals of Queen's College, Victoria College, and College of Regiopolis.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MONTREAL, 9th March, 1846.

REV. SIR,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to state to you his desire to be furnished in a definite and official form with the views of the governing body of

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,
VICTORIA COLLEGE,
COLLEGE OF REGIOPOLIS,

on the present state of the Charter of the University of King's College, as amended by the Statute of Upper Canada, 7th William 4th, chapter 16.

His Excellency is apprised that in each of the two last Sessions of the Provincial Parliament a measure was introduced into the House of Assembly to amend that Act and the Charter, and that on each of these occasions the Council of King's College employed Counsel who were heard against these respective measures.

His Excellency has also been informed that in the opinions of many, changes are still necessary to make the Institution harmonize with the wants and wishes of the greater portion of the people of Upper Canada, for whose benefit the Institution was created and endowed, although great differences may and do exist in determining what these changes should be.

His Excellency cannot doubt the desire of the Council of King's College that such changes (if any are necessary for this purpose) should be made as are calculated from their character to give general satisfaction (at all events) to those classes of the community lying most within the range of the benefits of an Institution of this kind.

His Excellency is anxious in no respect to prejudice this important question, and is desirous of affording to the several Colleges now established in Upper Canada an opportunity of offering such an exposition of the views entertained by each, as will facilitate his arriving at a clear understanding of the whole subject, and enable him at a proper period to afford the information which it may be requisite to lay before Her Majesty for Her ultimate consideration and determination.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) J. M. HIGGINSON.

The Rev. Dr. Liddell,
Principal of Queen's College,
Kingston.

Rev. E. Ryerson, D. D.
Principal of Victoria College,
Cobourg.

The Very Rev. Angus McDonnell,
One of the Trustees of the College of Regiopolis,
Kingston.

No. 7. *Statement of the Council of King's College, with two enclosures.*

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KING'S COLLEGE OFFICE,
Toronto, 24th March, 1846.

SIR,

The College Council having deliberated upon your letter of the 5th instant, addressed by command of His Excellency Earl Cathcart, the Chancellor of the University of King's College, to the President of that Institution, expressing His Excellency's desire to be furnished in a definite and official form with their views on the present state of their Charter, as amended by Statute of Upper Canada, 7th Wm. IV. c. 16., have agreed to the following Report, which they request you to lay before His Lordship at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) JOHN TORONTO.

J. M. Higginson, Esq.
Private Secretary.
&c. &c. &c.

To the Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, Earl Cathcart, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, K. C. B., Administrator of the Government of the Province of Canada, and Commander of the Forces in British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Council of the University of King's College beg permission to commence this their Report by tendering to Your Lordship their grateful acknowledgments for the kind and considerate communication which Your Excellency has caused to be laid before them, and to express their hope that such an arrangement of the whole question of the University may now be adopted as shall satisfy every well informed and reasonable mind.

For a brief history of the University of King's College, the Council would most respectfully draw Your Excellency's attention to the Lord Bishop of Toronto's inaugural address as President at the opening of the Institution on the 8th of June, 1843, in which also will be found an authentic account of the great difficulties which attended the procuring of the Charter on account of its open and conciliatory principles which were at that time (1827) without precedent in such institutions either at home or abroad.

The Council would further solicit Your Excellency's notice to their Report of the 31st March, 1832, on a Despatch of Lord Goderich, then Secretary of State for the Colonies. In this Report the various objections made against the Charter were examined and fully answered. Nevertheless the then Council anxious that the University should go into operation, felt compelled, though with much reluctance to consent to some modification of its provisions; but the concessions they agreed to came to nothing, and produced no satisfactory result: the discussions continued with more or less acrimony till 1837 when the Provincial Statute (7 Wm. 4. c. 16.) was passed, embodying certain changes, which were deemed amendments, and in a great measure following, though not altogether, the Report of the Council just referred to.

The Council respectfully submit that the Union of the Canadas in 1840, has had, as was anticipated when the measure was in progress, a material effect on the Charter of the University, as well as on the amendments imposed by the Provincial Statute.

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