

500,000 acres or ten townships, after deducting the Crown and Clergy sevenths, will be a sufficient fund for the establishment and maintenance of the Royal Foundation of FOUR Grammar Schools and a University in the Province of Upper Canada."

"2nd. That the present circumstances of the Province call for the erection of two of those schools, one at the Town of Kingston, the other at the Town of Newark."

"10. That the provision for the establishment and maintenance of the University be, at least, equal to that of the FOUR schools taken together.

"I have the honour to be, &c., &c.,

"(Signed) J. ELMSLEY, C. J.

"I perfectly accord with this report in all its parts.

"(Signed)

PETER RUSSELL,

"President.

"1st Dec., 1798."

This report of the Committee of the Executive Council was not acted upon. Another report of a Committee of the Executive is addressed to His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, which, on account of its importance, is here set forth in full:—

*To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, &c., &c., &c.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

"The Committee of the Executive Council, to whom your Excellency was pleased to refer the consideration of a plan for establishing a University in this Province, assembled this day, and by your Excellency's permission requested the attendance and assistance of His Majesty's Attorney-General.

"A letter was read from His Grace the Duke of Portland to Lieutenant-Governor Simcoe, bearing date 22nd June, 1796, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Bishop of Quebec, upon the subject of a school of a higher class, which His Grace then did not think necessary in Upper Canada. A letter was also read from His Grace, bearing date 4th November, 1797, acknowledging an Address from the two Houses of the Legislature, requesting an appropriation of Crown Lands for the establishment of schools, and communicating His Majesty's pleasure to acquiesce in their petition, directing the Governor to consult the members of the Executive Council, Judges and Law Officers on the requisite means, to report to His Grace, for His Majesty's information, what schools were then necessary, the means of erecting and endowing them, the amount necessary, and also to erect and endow a University.

"On this letter, the Committee named reported FOUR schools to be necessary, a sum of three thousand pounds requisite to erect them, and an annual sum of one hundred and eighty pounds to pay a master and sub-master, and keep the building in repair, and the sum of three thousand six hundred and twenty pounds for a University.

"That a fund to raise this sum would require five hundred thousand acres of land, which was recommended to be set apart for such purpose, and the report, approved by the President, was directed to be transmitted for the information of His Majesty's Government.

"No answer to this report or further confirmation of it can be traced in the office of the Executive Council. The committee, therefore, concurring in opinion with His Majesty's Attorney-General, that the appropriation of that quantity of land is not sufficiently sanctioned to authorize a grant in other portions than limited by His Majesty's commission, humbly recommend that Your Excellency do call the attention of His Majesty's Government to a formal sanction, under the royal sign manual, or the signature of His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to sell, lease, grant and dispose of the said five hundred thousand acres of land for the purpose of establishing a University in this Province.

"In the meantime, in conformity to Your Excellency's pleasure, the committee proceeded to consider the detail required by Your Excellency.

"In pursuing this object, the committee first observe that provision for District Schools is not now required out of this fund, being made by the Legislature. The scale established by the former committee appears at present very inadequate.

"The Committee is of opinion that not less than ten thousand pounds will be required