

Judges and Law Officers of the Crown, to report in what manner and to what extent a portion of the Crown Lands might be appropriated and rendered productive towards the formation of a fund for the establishment of Free Schools in those Districts in which they were called for, and in due time for establishing Seminaries of a larger and more comprehensive nature for instructing the youth in religious and moral learning and the study of the arts and sciences. (*f*)

The report advises the establishment of two Grammar Schools, as sufficient at the time for the wants of the Province, and to defer that of the University as not yet necessary. It recommends the appropriation of five hundred thousand acres of the waste lands of the Crown, one-half for the Grammar Schools, and the other half for the endowment of the University when it should be required. (*g*) But, as lands in 1798 were only of nominal value, and without ready sale, even at 9*d.* currency per acre, or 8*d.* sterling, it was found unadvisable to take any further measures at that time, because the whole appropriation would not have produced a sum sufficient for the reasonable endowment and building of the two Grammar Schools.

Although necessarily delayed, the prospect of establishing a University was frequently mentioned, and never lost sight of. In 1805, at the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Strachan, philosophical apparatus was purchased by order of the Legislature, for the purpose of teaching the youth of the Province the elements of the higher Mathematics and Mechanical Philosophy, and in 1807 a Grammar School was

*f.* Appendix A., No. 3, p. 2.

*g.* Appendix A., No. 3, p. 3.