

In the meantime, I rejoice to say, the subscriptions to the Wellington Memorial had, happily continued to flow in so successfully as, by the month of December last, to have reached the proposed minimum of £100,000, and thereby warranted the granting of a *Royal Charter* of Incorporation to the Institution, as "*a College for the Education of the Children of deceased Military Officers who have borne Commissions either in the Royal Army or in the E. I. Co.'s Service*;" (!) and constituting the following illustrious and distinguished individuals Governors of the same, viz.:—

Prince Albert, the Duke of Cambridge, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Duke of Northumberland, the Duke of Wellington, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Anglesey, the Marquis of Dalhousie, the Earl of Derby, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Earl of Ellenborough, the Earl of Ellesmere, Lord John Russell, Viscount Hardinge, Viscount Gough, the Bishop of London, Lord Seaton, Lord Raglan, Mr Sidney Herbert, Sir James Graham, Mr. Spencer Walpole, Sir Howard Douglas, Sir Edmund Antrobus, Sir James Weir Hogg, Sir Alexander Woodford, Mr. Henry Richard Cox, Mr. Peter Richard Hoare, and the Rev. George Robert Gleig. *The Queen to be the Visitor of the College.* Every Governor hereafter elected by the body to fill vacancies, must be approved of by the Secretary of State. The Duke of Wellington, the Commander in Chief, the Master of the Ordnance, and the Secretary-at-War, for the time being, will be always Governors. The charter is dated the 13th December, 1853.

Such being the auspicious prospects of the much-favored Wellington Memorial, I could not help naturally feeling that the time was now arrived when, even in connection with that Institution, I might reasonably expect that my long known, warily elaborated suggestions in behalf of an identically similar, though far more extended, philanthropic foundation, would attract some degree of attention in the high quarters to which Nos. 11, 12 and 13 were addressed; and I was accordingly induced to transmit the following respectful letter to the Private Secretary of H.R. H. Prince Albert:—

No. 16.

MONTREAL, Canada, 23rd Feb., 1854.

SIR,—Having more than a year ago been induced to take the liberty of most respectfully addressing two communications to His Royal Highness Prince Albert, on a very important subject—of which I have not yet been honored with any acknowledgment,—may I be permitted, through you, to bring the circumstance to His Royal Highness's remembrance, in behalf of the humble *Pioneer* of a proposed great National Institution having in view philanthropic objects similar to the Wellington College, lately so happily organized,—namely, "*a Royal Military Institution, and Officers' Orphan Asylum*"; and to express a respectful hope that some of the features sketched in the printed Prospectus which