

*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly  
of the Province of Ontario:*

The petition of

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

*Humbly sheweth:*

That His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, in his speech at the opening of the Legislature, on the tenth of February last, made special reference to the Universities of the Province, and gave expression to the intention of the Government to submit a measure for extending their usefulness;

That your petitioners are deeply interested in the maintenance and prosperity of Queen's University, Kingston;

That Queen's University, under the Royal charter granted by Queen Victoria, in the early years of Her Majesty's reign, provides for and embraces a complete course of literary and scientific education;

That the founders of Queen's University, at a period in the history of Canada when there was a perfectly free choice of localities, selected Kingston on account of its central and salubrious position;

That two years ago, on all the constituents of Queen's University being specially and individually consulted, they unanimously determined that Queen's should remain permanently at Kingston carrying on University work;

That the charter of Queen's is older than any other existing provincial University charter;

That, for nearly half a century, this institution at Kingston has taught general literature and science to all on equal terms;

That in an early address of its founders, issued to the public in 1839, the doors of Queen's were opened to all the youth of the country without distinction of creed, or class, or race; that from the first day of the establishment of Queen's this broad principle has never been de-