

signify a desire to affiliate it to the University of Toronto in the way in which King's College and University College are affiliated to the University of London, and should shew that the resources at their command enable them to furnish sufficient instruction in all the necessary branches of learning, there would be no legal impediment to the consideration of such a proposition by the authorities of the University.

4. I have thought it right to submit these explanatory remarks, before communicating the substance of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 564, of the 11th March, to the Bishop, lest it should appear that your reply to his application had been written under any misapprehension of the facts of the case. At the same time, I trust that you will still be of opinion that it is not expedient that a Royal Charter, containing such ample powers as that for which his Lordship has applied should be granted to any Denominational College, while negotiations for the surrender of the Charters of Queen's and Victoria Colleges are still pending. I fully expect that it will soon be in my power to apprise your Lordship of the issue of these negotiations. Meanwhile, I cannot but observe, that a decision on the application of the Lord Bishop, which might have the effect of withdrawing the members of the Church of England generally from all connection with the Provincial University, may be attended with serious consequences, and that it ought not to be arrived at without full consideration. They are at present largely represented in this Institution, and I much doubt whether it would prove to be eventually conducive, either to the interests of the Church itself or to those of sound learning in the Province, that they should cease to exercise within it an influence proportioned to their numbers and weight in the community.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon.

The EARL GREY.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Toronto, 11th Jan. 1851.

MY LORD,

I am directed by the Governor General to state for your information, that a Correspondence between your Lordship and the Colonial Secretary, transmitted to His Excellency by Earl Grey in August last, and comprising, with other documents, the Draft of a Charter for a proposed University in connection with the Church of England, has engaged, for some time past, the anxious attention of His Excellency and the Executive Council.

His Excellency regrets to find in this Correspondence statements reflecting on the course taken by the Provincial Government and Parliament with respect to the University of Toronto, which he