

Report on the Petition of Christians of

COPY OF A ROYAL CHARTER

FOR THE INSTITUTION AND ENDOWMENT OF AN UNIVERSITY AT YORK,

TO BE CALLED

KING'S COLLEGE.

GEORGE THE IV. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS the establishment of a College within our Province of Upper Canada, in North America, for the education of youth in the principles of the Christian religion, and for their instruction in the various branches of science and literature, which are taught in our universities in this kingdom, would greatly conduce to the welfare of our said Province:—And whereas humble application hath been made to us by many of our loving subjects in our said Province, that we would be pleased to grant our Royal Charter for the more perfect establishment of a College therein, and for incorporating the members thereof for the purposes aforesaid. NOW KNOW YE, That We, having taken the premises into our royal consideration, and duly weighing the great utility and importance of such an institution, have, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, ordained and granted, and do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and grant, That there shall be established at or near our town of York, in our said Province of Upper Canada, from this time, one College, with the style and privileges of an University, as herein-after directed, for the education and instruction of youth and students in arts and faculties, to continue for ever, to be called "KING'S COLLEGE."

AND we do hereby declare and grant, that our trusty and well beloved, The Right Reverend Father in God, Charles James, Bishop of the diocese of Quebec, or the Bishop for the time being of the diocese in which the said town of York may be situate, or any future division or alteration of the said present diocese of Quebec, shall for us, and on our behalf, be the visitor of the said College; and that our trusty and well beloved Sir Peregrine Maitland, our Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, or the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or other person administering the Government of our said Province for the time being, shall be the Chancellor of our said College.

AND we do hereby declare, ordain and grant, That there shall at all times be one President of our said College, who shall be a Clergyman in Holy Orders of the United Church of England and Ireland: and that there shall be such and so many professors in different arts and faculties within our said College as from time to time shall be deemed necessary or expedient, and as shall be appointed by us or by the said Chancellor of our said College, on our behalf, and during our pleasure.

AND we do hereby grant and ordain, That the Rev. John Strachan, Doctor in Divinity, Arch-deacon of York in our said Province of Upper Canada, be the first President of our said College; and the Arch-deacon of York in our said Province, for the time being, shall, by virtue of such his office, be at all times the President of the College.

AND we do hereby, for us, our heirs and successors, will, ordain and grant that the said Chancellor and President, and the said Professors of our said College, and all persons who shall be duly matriculated into and admitted as scholars of our said College, and their successors for ever, shall be one distinct and separate body politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name and style of "The Chancellor, President and Scholars of King's College at York, in the Province of Upper Canada;" and that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession and a common seal; and that they and their successors shall, from time to time, have full power to alter, renew or change such common seal at their will and pleasure, and as shall be found convenient: and that by the same name they, the said Chancellor, President and Scholars, and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess, enjoy and maintain, to and for the use of the said College, any messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, of what kind, nature, or quality soever, situate and being within our said province of Upper Canada, so as the same do not exceed in yearly value the sum of £15,000 above all charges: and moreover, to take, purchase, acquire, have, hold, enjoy, receive, possess and retain, all or any goods, chattels, charitable or other contributions, gifts, or benefactions whatsoever.

AND we do hereby declare and grant, That the said Chancellor, President, and Scholars, and their successors by the same name, shall and may be able and capable, in law, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all or any court or courts of record within our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and our said Province of Upper Canada, and other our dominions, in all and singular actions, causes, pleas, suits, matters and demands whatsoever, of what nature or kind soever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner and form as any other body politic or corporate, or any other our liege subjects, being persons able and capable in law, may or can sue, implead or answer, or be sued, impleaded or answered, in any manner whatsoever.

AND we do hereby declare, ordain and grant, That there shall be within our said College or Corporation a council, to be called and known by the name of "The College Council": and we do will and ordain, that the said Council shall consist of the Chancellor, President for the time being, and of seven of the Professors in arts and faculties of our said College, and that such seven Professors shall be members of the Established United Church of England and Ireland, and shall, previously to their admission into the said College Council, severally sign and subscribe the 39 Articles of Religion, as declared and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. And in case at any time there should not be within our said College seven professors of arts and faculties, being members of the Established Church aforesaid, then our will and pleasure is, and we do hereby grant and ordain, that the said College Council shall be filled up to the requisite number of seven, exclusive of the Chancellor and President for the time being, by such persons, being graduates of our said College, and being members of the Established Church aforesaid, as shall for that purpose be appointed by the Chancellor for the time being of our said College; and which members of Council shall in like manner subscribe the 39 Articles aforesaid, previously to their admission into the said College Council.

AND whereas it is necessary, to make provision for the completion and filling up of the said Council at the first institution of our said College, and previously to the appointment of any Professors, or the conferring of any degrees therein: Now we do further ordain and declare, that the Chancellor of our said College for the time being, shall upon, or immediately after, the first institution thereof, by warrant under his hand, nominate and appoint seven discreet and proper persons, resident within our said province of Upper Canada, to constitute jointly with him, the said Chancellor and the President of our said College for the time being, the first or original Council of our said College; which first or original members of the said Council shall in like manner, respectively, subscribe the 39 Articles aforesaid, previously to their admission into the said Council.