

feasted by the late Act, which Act they consider more unaccountable and unjust, because the same Legislature has abundant means at its disposal of endowing as many Colleges as it pleases, without the slightest detriment to any one ; and of leaving that of Her Sovereign and her Religion, free and untouched. For, all we ask is simply to retain the advantage which is actually enjoyed by every other body of Christians in Upper Canada, of having one place of public Education in which their young men may be religiously instructed, and such as desire it trained to the holy Ministry ; and not have an endowment wrested from us which our Sovereign has granted for that purpose.

Your dutiful and loyal subjects, may it please Your Majesty, would further observe, in deep anguish of heart, that there was a time when the word Sovereign was felt to be as secure as the stability of the Empire, and shall such a time be allowed to pass away ? The truth of the Sovereign and the affection of the people are co-relative, as the one cannot live without the other. Yet, nearly one-third of the inhabitants of this noble colony are suffering in their dearest rights and interests from an act which they feel to be extremely oppressive. They are deprived of their University and Endowment, although thrice guaranteed by the Crown, and by this they lose the power of conferring degrees in Arts and Divinity, which virtually passes on them a sentence of proscription from all such offices of profit and honor as require a degree to qualify for their attainment, —above all, they are deprived of the means of bestowing on their children an Education based on Religion, the only Education worth possessing.

Under such trying circumstances, to whom can they go for redress but to Your Majesty, in whose maternal affection they put their trust, as many of them now far advanced in life have done in your Majesty's predecessors. Permit us then to hope that your Majesty will lend a gracious ear to this, our humble application ; that, influenced by your exalted position as head of the Church, you will cause the pledge of three Sovereigns to be redeemed, by the restoration of King's College in all its efficiency, with such modifications of its original Charter as shall separate it entirely from politics, and allow it to proceed on its work of scientific and religious instruction in security and peace.

And your Majesty's dutiful and loyal petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed by above 125,000 persons.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Toronto, 4th February, 1851.

MY LORD,

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch, No. 514, of the 29th July last, I have the honor to submit for your information, the