

very natural, desired that the Clergy qualified to fill the chairs in the University, should, if possible, be Englishmen, because none such were yet to be found in the Colony; and this to continue till we could bring them up among ourselves. A few pious and learned men, of rational zeal and primitive manners, would secure the interest and union of Church and State, and constitute a University which might, in due time, acquire such a character as to become the place of education to many persons beyond the extent of the King's dominions.

Unhappily for the Province, General Simcoe was recalled to fill a higher station, before his wise and extensive plans for the prosperous advance of the Province could be carried out; but his exertions in favour of Education were not altogether lost, for the Legislature, in the spring of 1797, soon after his departure, addressed the King, to appropriate a portion of the waste lands of the Crown, for the support of Grammar Schools, and a college or a University.

To this address a most gracious answer was received from his Majesty, King George III., through the Duke of Portland, then Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which His Majesty expresses his readiness to show his parental regard for the welfare of his subjects in the furtherance of an object so important as the instruction of youth in sound learning and the principles of the Christian religion.^(e)

For this purpose, Mr. President Russell, then Administrator of the Government of Upper Canada, was directed to consult the Members of the Executive Council, and the

^e. Appendix A., No. 1, p. 1.