

CAP. XXXVII.

An Act to Incorporate the Upper Canada Academy under the name and style of "Victoria College."

[27th August, 1841.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, was graciously pleased to issue his Letters Patent, bearing date the twelfth day of October, in the seventh year of His Reign, in the words following:

"UPPER CANADA.

Charter of
"the Upper
"Canada Aca-
"demy" re-
cited.

"*William the Fourth* by the Grace of *God*, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, *King*, Defender of the *Faith*, &c. &c. &c.

"To all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

Petition of
divers Mem-
bers of the
Wesleyan
Church.

"WHEREAS divers of our Loving Subjects of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in our Province of Upper Canada, represented to Us that with the aid of private and voluntary contribution, they have erected certain Buildings in the vicinity of the Town of Cobourg, in the Newcastle District of our said Province of Upper Canada, adapted for the purposes of an Academy of Learning, with the intention of founding there an Academy for the general education of Youth, in the various branches of Literature and Science on Christian principles, and that they have been advised that the said undertaking would be more successfully and effectually prosecuted, if it were protected by Our Royal Sanction, by means of a Royal Charter of Incorporation, they have most humbly supplicated Us to grant Our Royal Charter of Incorporation, for the purposes aforesaid, under such regulations and restrictions as to Us might seem right and expedient.

Prayer.

"*Now know Ye* that *We*, being desirous to maintain sound and useful learning in connexion with Christian Principles, and highly approving the design of promoting the same in Our said Province of Upper Canada, by means of the founding an Academy of Learning, in Our said Province, have by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative and of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, granted, constituted and declared, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant, constitute, and declare that the Academy intended to be so founded, shall be called '*The Upper Canada Academy*,' and that for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the same, there shall be nine Trustees,
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The Aca-
demy In-corpora-
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Name.