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OF

The CHARTER of the CORPORATION of SAINT NICOLET in LOWER CANADA, with INSTRUCTIONS of Lord BATHURST on the Subject.

COPY of a LETTER from Lord BATHURST to the Earl of DALHOUSIE.

My Lord,

Downing Street, 2d April 1821.

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec, when he was last in England, brought under my Consideration certain Points connected with the Administration of the Affairs of the Romish Church in the Province, upon which he was anxious of receiving the Decision of His Majesty's Government.

Accidental Circumstances prevented my communicating to your Lordship at an earlier Period the Answer which I then communicated to M^r de Plessis, and I am afraid that he may have felt some Anxiety from the Delay which has taken place.

I have, however, now to acquaint your Lordship that His Majesty has been pleased to give Permission to the Rev. J. Lartique and the Rev. F. Provenchem to assist him in the spiritual Administration of the District of Montreal and the Countries situated to the North-west of Upper Canada. His Majesty has been further pleased to signify His Pleasure that you should cause Letters Patent to pass the Great Seal of the Province for carrying into effect M^r de Plessis's Wishes with respect to the Establishment of a Roman Catholic Seminary at Nicolet, as proposed by the Bishop in his Letter to Sir J. Sherbrooke, of which a Copy is enclosed, and recommended by him in his Despatch to me (No. 167.) of the 16th November 1817.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BATHURST.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Sir J. C. SHERBROOKE to the Right Honourable the Earl BATHURST.

My Lord,

Quebec, 16th November 1817.

I HAVE the Honour of transmitting to your Lordship herewith a Copy of a Memorial presented to me by the Roman Catholic Bishop, praying for Letters Patent erecting a Corporation for the Management of a Roman Catholic Seminary at Nicolet, and enabling them to hold Property to a certain limited Sum in Mortmain for the Benefit and Support of the Institution.

A Perusal of the Memorial will show your Lordship that the Seminary has been raised to the respectable State in which it now is chiefly by the praiseworthy Exertions and pecuniary Sacrifices of the Roman Catholic Bishop; and as I am convinced that your Lordship will concur in Opinion with me as to the Advantage of encouraging the Diffusion of Knowledge among the People of this Province, by Institutions conducted on the liberal Principles which the Roman Catholic Bishop has adopted in that of Nicolet, I have no Hesitation in requesting your Lordship's favourable Consideration of the Prayer of his Memorial.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. C. SHERBROOKE.