

RESPECTING A ROYAL CHARTER FOR A COLLEGE.

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— No. 2. —

(No. 630.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl Grey to the Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*.

No. 2.
Earl Grey to the
Earl of Elgin.
31 July 1851.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 31 July 1851.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 90,* of the 11th instant, enclosing the copy of an address from the Legislative Council, relative to the grant of a Royal Charter for a college to be established at Toronto, in exclusive connexion with the Church of England.

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Upon this subject it is only necessary that I should refer you to my despatch No. 623,† of the 15th instant, and to express the satisfaction it has afforded me, to learn that the Legislative Council of Canada concur with your Lordship and with Her Majesty's Government in their views upon this question.

† Infra.

I have, &c.
(signed) Grey.

— No. 3. —

(No. 623.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl Grey to the Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*.

No. 3.
Earl Grey to the
the Earl of Elgin.
15 July 1851.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 15 July 1851.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 79, dated (but apparently by mistake in copying) on the 16th ultimo, enclosing the copy of a letter from the Lord Bishop of Toronto on the subject of the proposal to grant a Charter to the University of Toronto.

2. It has occasioned me much regret to observe the view taken of that subject by the Bishop, which I think an erroneous one. I am convinced that your Lordship is not less anxious than I am for the welfare and prosperity of the Church of England in Canada, and equally desirous with me of extending to it all the encouragement and assistance which it can receive from the local Government, consistently with that principle of equal favour and protection to all the religious bodies which it is bound to maintain.

3. I am persuaded that a strict adherence to that principle is not only necessary in the present state of public opinion, but is also calculated to promote the real interests of the Church of England. And I am unable to perceive any just ground for complaint on the part of the Bishop and members of that Church against the policy which the provincial Parliament and Government have adopted, of endeavouring to confine the privilege of giving degrees in arts to a single authority, by which these certificates of proficiency should be impartially conferred on persons instructed in the various educational institutions of the province, conducted as these are on different principles.

I have, &c.
(signed) Grey.