

19, Bury Street, St. James's,

20th July, 1850.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose a Memorandum of two interviews with which I was honored by the late Sir Robert Peel, in the hope that the support, which my application for a Royal Charter to establish a University in Upper Canada in connection with the Church of England, would have received from that eminent Statesman, may be made known to the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and induce His Lordship to give my petition both an early and favorable consideration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOHN TORONTO.

B. HAWES, Esquire,
&c., &c., &c.

A memorandum of the Bishop of Toronto's two interviews with the late Sir Robert Peel:—

On Friday, the 7th of June, I called on the late Sir Robert Peel, with a letter of introduction from Chief Justice Robinson of Upper Canada, for I was anxious to interest so great and good a man in the object which had brought me to England. Soon after I sent in my card and letter, the servant came and told me that Sir Robert was very sorry that he happened at that moment to be particularly engaged, but would make an early appointment to see me.

"Sir Robert Peel presents his compliments to the Bishop of Toronto, and will have the honor of seeing him on Monday morning at one quarter before eleven."

On Monday, the tenth of June, I called at the time appointed. Sir Robert was at first distant and reserved, but nevertheless courteous and encouraging. He heard my statement of the many struggles and final destruction of King's College, and the establishment of a College in its stead, from which religion is virtually excluded, with the most patient attention. "It seems a strange and outrageous proceeding, so far as I understand it; but I shall require to study the matter, and make myself acquainted with all the details, that I may be fully satisfied in my own mind before I can ever think of interfering. Indeed, I have so little influence that my interference can, I fear, be of little use. I suppose (he said) that the new Institution of Toronto University is something like the London College or the Irish Colleges." Pardon me, I replied; the London College preys upon no other interest, and is supported from private sources; it unhappily drops religion, but it goes not so far as to exclude it, by legal enactment, as the Toronto University does.