

University matters. That some Body of this kind might be useful as a check on all University legislation relating to *money matters*, is readily admitted. But the peculiar and overwhelming powers assigned to it in the draft of the measure, in matters strictly *Academical*; the tardiness and complication which would arise from its proposed action in the passing of all University Statutes, indiscriminately; and, above all, the transference, to *such* a Body, of the patronage of the University from the Crown, are open to severe reprehension—nor could any thing be more surely calculated to disturb the quiet of a Literary Institution by the introduction of party feelings and perpetual jarrings.

3rd. Another feature of the Bill under consideration, and which threw an air of ridicule over the whole measure, was the provision empowering any denomination to found a College in the University, with an endowment not sufficient for the establishment of a grammar school. It must, however, be considered, that the object of this provision was to bring the advantages of the University within the reach of *all*, an object not more important to those whose benefit was contemplated, than to the success of the University itself. The error lay in bestowing the designation of Colleges on the Institutions contemplated as likely to be established, in connection with the University, by the weaker denominations, on the endowment specified. That end, however, might be effectually attained without an abuse of the term "College." It is well known that, in former days, there existed, in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, numerous Institutions under the names of "Halls" or "Houses," distinguished from the Colleges in this—that while the latter were incorporated and composed of numerous officials—the former were generally each under the direction of a single individual, frequently not incorporated, and seldom to any great extent endowed. Of such Institutions no fewer than five still survive in the University of Oxford, many having been absorbed into the surrounding Colleges, and some having grown into Colleges themselves. Now what is there to prevent such an arrangement as shall permit—for the benefit of