

## THE FOUNDATION OF KING'S COLLEGE.

When the independence of the United States of America was recognised by Great Britain, at the peace of 1783, Upper Canada became the asylum of those faithful subjects of the Crown, who had, during the Revolutionary war, adhered to their King and the Unity of the Empire.

Anxious to prove her grateful sense of their affectionate services in a way the most agreeable to their wishes and feelings, the mother country conferred upon them, by the 31 Geo. III. chap. 31, a form of Government similar to her own; and in order that the State might be sanctified by religion, provision was made by the express command of the King for its support, by setting apart for that object a portion of the waste lands of the Crown.

It was justly believed, that in a new Colony like Upper Canada, lands are and ought to be the fund for the foundation and permanent support of all great public institutions, such as the Church, Universities, Schools, Hospitals, &c., because it can be done in this way, without being burthensome to the people.

But although provision was made by the Constitutional Act, for the religious instruction of the settlers, no appropriation was then thought of for schools and Seminaries of learning. It is nevertheless pleasing to remark, that before the division of Canada into two provinces, even so early as 1789, little more than five years after the Loyalists had