

opinion, exists ; but were it even otherwise, His Excellency feels too keenly the momentous character of the subject under discussion, and is too sincerely desirous to arrive at a solution of the difficulties encompassing it, which shall reconcile the rights of conscience with the moral and social interests of the Province, to have permitted himself to allude to a mere personal question at such a time.

As your Lordship, however, reiterates in this letter the very serious charges which you have, on former occasions, advanced against the Provincial Government and Parliament, alleging that it is your sincere conviction that we should look in vain in the history of any country governed by British laws for an instance in which such an entire disregard had been shewn to Chartered Rights, His Excellency considers himself bound in fairness to remark, that these strictures, if just, apply more correctly to the provisions of the Act 7 Will. IV. cap. 18, which superseded the Royal Charter, and did away with all tests, even as respects Professors, than to those of the Acts passed during the last two Sessions of the Provincial Parliament. Moreover, he must observe, that the Legislation so severely characterized by your Lordship was consequent on an attempt to establish in the Province, by Royal Charter, an University supported by Public Funds, on principles against which the popular branch of the Legislature repeatedly and deliberately protested, and that it was resorted to by the local Parliament on the invitation of successive Secretaries of State and Governors, who seem to have desired by this means to avert the consequences of an Act of which they recognized the improvidence.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. LESLIE,
Secretary.

The Hon. and Right Rev.

The LORD BISHOP of Toronto.

TORONTO, 7th February, 1851.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 24th ult., and beg leave to convey my thanks to His Excellency the Governor General, for his kind consideration, in stating that he will be happy to afford such aid as it is in his power to bestow, towards procuring for the University I desire to establish in connection with the Church of England a Charter of Incorporation, giving the usual facilities for managing its property and affairs.

In regard to the more perfect Charter, I feel also, under obligations to His Excellency for the measure of support he is pleased to tender ; at the same time, I should deeply lament the postponement of a boon to a future Administration which may be so gracefully