

PREFATORY LETTER TO THE PROVINCIAL
SECRETARY.

EDUCATION OFFICE, WEST,
Cobourg, March 27th, 1846.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be laid before His Excellency, a Report on a system of Public Elementary Instruction for Upper Canada,—the result of my observations in Europe, and the commencement of the task assigned me by the late revered Governor General.

Having some time since communicated all the remarks and suggestions I had to offer relative to the Common School Act, I have made no reference to it in the following Report; nor have I given any historical or analytical view of the systems of Public Instruction which obtain in any of the countries that I have recently visited. I have only referred to them in as far as appeared to be necessary to illustrate the conclusions at which I have arrived, in respect to a system of Elementary Instruction for Upper Canada.

A previous Report on the Common School law of Upper Canada.

I cannot expect that an implicit and unqualified assent will be given to every remark which I have made, or to every opinion I have expressed; but I trust the general principles of my Report will meet