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To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,—

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, inhabiting that part of British North America, which formerly composed the Province of Upper Canada.

Most humbly represent :—

That after the peace of 1783, this portion of your Majesty's dominions became the Asylum of those faithful Loyalists, who, during the Revolutionary War with the Colonies, now the United States, shed their blood and sacrificed their property in adhering to their King and the unity of the Empire.

That the Parent State, anxious to prove her grateful sense of their affectionate and disinterested services in a way the most agreeable to their wishes and feelings, conferred upon them, in 1791, a form of Government similar to their own, and in order that the State, as at home, might be sanctified by religion, provision was made at the express command of your Majesty's royal grandfather, in the Constitutional Act, for its support, according to the form of the United Church of England and Ireland, by setting apart for that, the most important of all objects, a portion of the waste lands of the crown.

That in the spring of 1797 the Legislature of Upper Canada addressed their beloved sovereign George the Third, of blessed memory, for a portion of the waste lands of the crown, to produce a fund for the purposes of education, and more especially for the support of grammar schools and a university.

To this address a most gracious answer was returned, granting their request, and expressing His Majesty's paternal regard for the welfare of his loyal subjects, in the furtherance of an object so important as the instruction of their youth in sound learning and the principles of the Christian religion.

That soon after the colonial government appropriated for the required object 500,000 acres of land: one half for the support of grammar schools, and the other half for the establishment of a university.

That the slow advance of the colony in wealth and population during the wars which so long desolated Europe, delayed for many years the establishment of the University; but though postponed, it was never lost sight of; and in 1827 a royal