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To His Excellency George, Earl of Dalhousie 846

Knight of the Grand Cross of the most Honourable Military Order of the Bath,
Captain General, and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada,
and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, & their several Dependencies
Vice Admiral of the same, General & Commander of all His Majesty's Forces
in the said Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and
New Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, and in the Islands of New
foundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of John Dies Nelson
Most humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner having served a regular Apprenticeship to the Medical Profession, had the honour of obtaining from your Lordship a Reference to the Medical Board at Quebec, where he underwent an Examination, and answered all the questions put to him in a satisfactory manner, which has been acknowledged, but the Members observed, that they had come to a resolution of admitting no Candidate to pass their Board who had not been at a University; and therefore "Advised" your Petitioner to repair for "Six months" to one of the American Universities, after which they would instantly grant him the necessary Certificate by which he was to obtain his Licence.

Your Petitioner most humbly begs to remark, that the Medical Boards of this Province have not the power of sending a Candidate to any University for as much as in the year 1788, an Act was passed by which those who had obtained a Degree from any University were not obliged to undergo an Examination there; and your Petitioner would further beg to remark, that this is the first instance where the Medical Board of Quebec has come to this determination — a determination equally unjust & unnecessary; to comply with which would subject your Petitioner to a very great inconvenience as well as to a heavy expense: your Petitioner therefore most humbly craves your Lordship will be pleased to order the Medical Board at Quebec to issue the necessary Certificate, when it is humbly hoped your Lordship will instantly grant them a Licence to practise his Profession.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

John Dies Nelson.

St. Denis,
21st Jan^y. 1821.