

be instructed in religious and secular knowledge; and as it cannot be withheld from the Church of England without manifest injustice, your Lordship will perceive that to make it to depend upon the will or caprice of those by whom that Church has been deeply injured, will be felt to be nothing less than proscription and intolerance.

Fourth, I would *further*, my Lord, *respectfully* submit, that what we request is clearly within the Royal Prerogative to bestow, and can be granted to us, as it has been to others, without giving just cause of offence to any one, since it has nothing to do whatever with party or politics.

Your Lordship will, I trust, pardon me for calling your attention to the humiliating position in which this condition of reference is likely to place the Church of England. No such impediment has ever been allowed to intervene between the grace of the Sovereign and any other denomination, and why should it be permitted to stand between the Queen and Her own Church, which it is Her special duty to protect

All we desire, my Lord, is such a Charter as has been granted to the Church of Scotland in Canada, and under such a Charter we shall be proud to act. Allow me then to hope, that your Lordship will, in consideration of the reasons which I have had the honor to suggest, and the justice and pressing nature of our cause, grant the prayer of our Petition without any unnecessary delay.

Give us no reason, I beseech you my Lord, to envy our neighbours of the United States of America, where there is no instance of a Charter, such as we pray for, having been refused. Instead of circumscribing their Colleges and Schools of learning, that acute people take delight in their multiplication; and so little jealous are they in this respect, that they have uniformly cherished all such Institutions as had been founded by the Crown previous to the Revolution, and such have received from the Ruling Powers ample protection after these Powers had become foreign to the British Empire. Thus, the Colleges founded by the Kings and Queens of England in the Colonies, are still respected and preserved, and their endowments not only held sacred, but largely increased.

As your Lordship has seen fit to decline granting a Queen's Letter to assist us in the endowment of our proposed University, I bow with due submission. But I may be allowed to state, that my request was by no means unreasonable. Precedents are not wanting; and the reasons assigned in my Memorandum, for granting such a favor, are, in the judgment of others as well as myself, all but irresistible.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

JOHN TORONTO.

The Right Honorable the EARL GREY.