

himself, had the tests of admission to King's College not rendered it desirable, in his estimation, that an establishment of a less exclusive character should be formed for the education of the youth of the Provinces. I am not aware of the sum which Dalhousie College would fetch at a Public Sale, nor whether there are any Provincial purposes to which it could be applied with advantage. As, however, there is a debt of £5000 to the Assembly, which has been incurred by the Governors of the College, you will propose to the Assembly, should no more eligible course present itself to you when this question is brought before them; that the building should be taken in satisfaction for the amount, for which I presume it may be considered nearly a fair equivalent. The sum of £6000, which still remains in trust for the use of Dalhousie College, will then become applicable to the use of King's College. I have been informed that the distance of Windsor from the Seat of Government is by some considered to be an objection to it as a place of Public Education, and that a situation, within a short distance of Halifax, would be preferred. Upon this point I must request that you will let me hear from you in detail, and whether the building which has been prepared for Dalhousie College might not be turned to better account, by adopting it to the purpose of King's College, rather than by selling it for an inadequate sum. Should the removal of the College from Windsor, to a spot nearer to Halifax, be an object with the Assembly, they may perhaps be induced to remit altogether the loan which has been advanced for Dalhousie College, or to vote an increased annual sum for the maintenance of that which it is proposed to enrich by the mode I have suggested. In either case the means at your disposal will be materially increased, and it may be a question whether it may not be desirable to break up the Establishment at Windsor also, (as I hear that the buildings there are of a perishable nature, and therefore liable to frequent repair,) and to erect in their stead a more substantial building, on a limited scale, and in a more convenient situation.

In the propriety however of entertaining this project at all, you must be entirely governed by the means at command, either present or such as can be securely relied upon. I can hold out to you no hope of assistance from home, and I need not point out to you the serious inconvenience of embarking in schemes too expensive for the purposes in hand, when you have it so strongly exemplified in the case of Dalhousie College. It is my earnest wish that, under an improved system, a seat of Learning may be established in Nova-Scotia, where the youth of the Province may be instructed, without being subject to restrictions, which, in my opinion, are wholly unnecessary, and such discretion should be employed in adapting the means to the end, as may prevent those pecuniary difficulties hereafter, which must always follow, where too extensive a scale is adopted in the outset.

LIEUT. GENERAL SIR P. MAITLAND, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c. (Signed) G. MURRAY.

DOWNING-STREET, 30th JANUARY, 1832.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Dispatch of the 27th Sept. last, stating that you would avail yourself of an early opportunity of communicating with me in detail, on the subject of the union of King's and Dalhousie Colleges.

In my Dispatch of the 31st July last, I informed you that the Parliamentary Grant of £1000 per annum to King's College, would, after the present year, be reduced to £500 per annum. A vote for that sum will therefore be proposed to Parliament next year; but His Majesty's Government having had the Estimate for the Province of Nova-Scotia under their consideration, do not feel that they would be justified in proposing any vote for the College, after the year 1833. Under these circumstances, I am most anxious to receive from you, with as little delay as possible, the Report which you announced your intention of forwarding to me, upon the measures which it will be advisable to adopt, in order to secure to the Province of Nova-Scotia the advantage of a plan of Education in the higher branches of learning, in such a manner as may be best suited to the wants and feelings of the Province, and best calculated to secure to the Institution the cordial support and attachment of those for whose benefit it is intended.

I have, &c.

Lieut. General Sir Peregrine Maitland, K. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) GODERICH.

DOWNING-STREET, 25th NOVEMBER, 1835.

SIR—

With reference to my predecessor's Dispatch of the 30th Jany. 1832, relative to the proposed union of King's and Dalhousie Colleges, I am desirous of directing your attention to the promise of the House of Assembly, that the subject should be taken into consideration by them at an early period.