

APPENDIX No. 4.

No. 279.

Downing Street, 13th August, 1851.

SIR—

With reference to the Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for withdrawing the annual grant from King's College, Windsor, I transmit to you the copy of a memorial which I have received against it from the Society for promoting Christian knowledge.

2. While I regret the decision of the Legislature to withdraw the grant hitherto made for the support of the College, I cannot but recognize the full right of that body to object to the continuance of such a grant from the Revenue of the Province, if the Institution is not regarded as producing advantages to the public equivalent to the cost incurred for it.

3. I am therefore not prepared to advise Her Majesty to withhold Her assent from the measure in question, provided it can be shewn that due regard has been paid to vested interests.

4. But I have to call your attention to a statement in the memorial from the College, transmitted to me in Sir John Harvey's despatch of 14th May last, to the effect that the President and one at least of the Professors have been induced to leave other situations on the faith of the continuance of that permanent provision which the Act of 1787 appeared to have guaranteed.

5. If this statement is well founded, it would be my duty to advise Her Majesty to disallow the Act, unless it were amended by making some provision for the President and existing Professors during their lives, or while they continue to discharge the duties of their office.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GREY.

The Officer Administering the Government of Nova Scotia.

(Copy.)

To the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—

That when his late Majesty King George the Third was pleased, in the year 1787, to found the first Colonial Bishopric in the British Dominions, by erecting the Province of Nova Scotia into an Episcopal See, it was thought essential to the object of that foundation that provision should be made towards procuring the blessings of a sound Religious and general Education within the Province, and accordingly the attention of the Lieutenant Governor was immediately called to the subject by special instructions from the Crown. That in compliance with these instructions, measures were adopted for the establishment of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, aid was generously afforded by the Provincial Legislature, and in the year 1789 an Act was passed by the local Government securing by law an annual payment of Four hundred pounds sterling to be made yearly and every year, for the permanent endowment and effectual support of the College, as expressly declared by the said Act. This annual sum has been