

lation did not nearly equal that of Upper Canada, contained five Universities granting degrees.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN TORONTO.

The Hon. JAMES LESLIE,

Secretary of the Province of Canada.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Toronto, 24th Jan. 1851.

MY LORD,

I am directed by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Letter of the 20th instant, and to state in reply, that His Excellency will be happy to afford such aid as it is in his power to bestow towards procuring for the Educational Institution which you desire to establish in connection with the Church of England a Charter of Incorporation, giving the usual facilities for managing its property and affairs.

I am further to add, with reference to the more perfect Charter to which your Lordship alludes, that His Excellency would consider, should no other alternative than this ultimately present itself, that it would be a lesser evil to multiply Colleges within the Province authorized to confer degrees in Arts, notwithstanding the manifest tendency of such a system to detract from the value of those degrees, than to subject the Members of the Church of England to injustice. He is not, however, prepared to abandon the hope, that the Members of the Church, as well as of other denominations possessing incorporated Colleges, may yet be induced to participate in the advantages offered to Students by the Toronto University. Meanwhile, he must not be supposed to admit that he concurs in the opinion, that the members of the Church of England in this Province, numbering, according to your Lordship's computation, 200,000, are unanimously in favor of the establishment of a denominational University upon the principles embodied in the Draft Charter submitted by your Lordship to Earl Grey. On the contrary, His Excellency knows that, among the most zealous supporters of the system of united education are some sincerely attached Members of the Church of England; while, as regards others, he has reason to believe that considerable difference of opinion prevails with respect to the terms in which a Charter for an exclusive University ought to be conceived.

With respect to the first clause of your Lordship's Letter, I am directed by His Excellency to assure you that nothing could be further from his intention than to convey the impression that there had been any lack of courtesy in your Lordship's communications with him. No such ground of complaint, in His Excellency's