

no person could be found so foolish as to do so under restrictions so absurd, restrictions which hinder the donor from giving the power of management of the endowment to whom he chooses and in the way he desires, or to acquire from the Crown the immunities and privileges essential to a University, and which confer upon it dignity and importance. A further pernicious consequence which must flow from this measure is the precedent which it affords of meddling continually, and Session after Session, with Seminaries of learning, and which ought never to be touched except in cases of extreme necessity. The senseless and unjust clamours raised against the University of King's College, operated so far, a few years ago, upon a Government, more disposed at the time to yield to expediency than adhere firmly to sound principle, as to induce it to countenance certain amendments of the Charter (as they were called), and in which, for the sake of peace, the College Council reluctantly acquiesced, and certainly in the hope that the Institution would never again be molested. But although its enemies were for a time satisfied, yet the desire of novelty which generally marks the absence of correct principles, has called up a new conspiracy against King's College, and the result is the measure now before your Honorable House, in which its enemies seem cordially to agree (if in nothing else,) in their implacable enmity to the Church of England, and are willing to surrender or modify their distinctive views and doctrines, provided they can accomplish the destruction of the only Literary and Religious Institution of any character within the Province of Upper Canada. Precedents are thus afforded of continually disturbing the University of King's College, and destroying that tranquillity and repose which are essential to the prosperity and well being of seats of learning.

Fourthly. Having thus touched upon the objects, character, and consequences of the proposed measure for destroying the University of King's College and seizing upon its endowments, it does not appear necessary for your Memorialist to dwell upon the details of the Bill, for if it be, as your Memorialist is convinced, based on principles at once inconsistent with the rights of conscience and of civil and religious liberty, it is of little importance to enter upon the minor objections, such as the deplorable unacquaintance with Literary Institutions every where displayed, the cumbersome and impracticable machinery, the discordant nature of the bodies in which the various powers are lodged, &c. &c.

It may be sufficient to remark that the adoption of the Bill will be to destroy a noble Institution, which, if left unmolested, would, in a short time, shed a lustre over the whole Province; and this without the slightest necessity, since it is quite competent for the Legislature to grant separate Endowments to such Christian denominations as it may desire to honour, without trenching on the rights of the Church of England, or the integrity of the University of King's College.

In conclusion, your Memorialist respectfully, but of right, claims the continuance of the same protection, privileges and immunities for the University of King's College which are possessed, without hindrance or molestation, by the Roman Catholic Seminaries and Institutions of Lower Canada, and to which it is equally entitled by every principle of justice and honour.

Should your Memorialist unhappily fail in arresting the further progress of this fatal Bill in the Provincial Legislature, he has still the consolation to know that it is one of those measures which cannot be finally disposed of by the Colonial Authorities, as it deals with and compromises the most important principles of Revealed Religion, and must be referred to the Imperial Parliament; and he feels satisfied that it will be viewed by that August Body in the same light, as a measure obnoxious to every right principle, human and Divine, offensive to conscience and social order, and such as cannot be entertained, for a moment, by a Christian Nation.

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