

COPY of ADDRESS of the Legislative Council of *Canada* respecting a ROYAL CHARTER for a COLLEGE in connection with the Church of *England* in *Canada*; and respecting a Free Convocation of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, in Communion with the said Church, dated the 9th day of July 1851; and COPIES or EXTRACTS of any CORRESPONDENCE relating thereto.

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(No. 90.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine* to Earl Grey.

No. 1.
The Earl of Elgin
to Earl Grey.
11 July 1851.

Government House, Toronto, 11 July 1851.

(Received 28 July 1851.)

My Lord,

(Answered 31 July 1851.—No. 630, P. 5.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit the copy of an Address to me by the Legislative Council of this province, in reference to the correspondence which has passed between your Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, and the Provincial Government, on the subject of a Royal Charter for a college to be established in Upper Canada, in exclusive connexion with the Church of England. A protest against the adoption of this Address, signed by three members of the Council, the Honourable Messrs. Gordon, Boulton, and Macaulay, will be found in the minutes of the Legislative Council, which are sent to your Lordship by this mail.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Elgin and Kincardine.*

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable *James* Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*, Knight of the most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. Encl. 1, in No. 1.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of the province of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to thank your Excellency for having communicated to this House the Charter applied for by the Right Reverend and Honourable the Bishop of Toronto to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the sole use of the Church of England in this province, together with the correspondence connected therewith, as also for the subsequent correspondence, and an amended Charter applied for by the Bishop of Toronto on withdrawing the original Charter.

And we beg leave to assure your Excellency that this House fully and entirely concurs in the comprehensive views so ably expressed by your Excellency in your letters to Earl Grey and the Bishop of Toronto upon the various and important matters connected therewith. And whilst this House expresses its readiness to co-operate in carrying out the views of your Excellency thus set forth, and the reasonable requirements of the Bishop of Toronto to obtain corporate powers for the intended College, so as to enable it to hold property and become in other respects effective, this House feels called upon at the same time to express its earnest hope that means may be devised to satisfy the just demands of the Church of England without sanctioning a principle which would enable each denomination of Christians in the province to obtain a Royal Charter for an exclusive University, having power to confer degrees in the arts and sciences.

And this House is further desirous of assuring your Excellency, that anxiously as it wishes to see every benefit and privilege enjoyed by other denominations fully extended to the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this province, it is of opinion they would, so far as academic instruction is concerned, be best secured for this Church, as well as for all others, by their becoming affiliated with the Provincial University.

And this House desires to express its confident hope that if the luminous exposition of your Excellency upon this all-important subject was brought under the deliberate consideration