

No. 44.

BURSAR'S OFFICE, UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES AT TORONTO,
MARCH 13, 1862.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to furnish me with a copy of any report from the Bursar, which may affect my interest in connection with the Bursar's office, being aware that enquiry has been directed towards that office, and to permit (if necessary) the privilege of replying thereto.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) ALAN CAMERON,
Cashier.

The Hon. JAMES PATTON,
Chairman, Commission of Enquiry, Toronto.

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TO THE CASHIER OF THE BANK OF UPPER CANADA.

ENDOWMENT BOARD OFFICE
Toronto,

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Pay to
the sum of
currency, which charge to account of the Principal, Masters and Scholars of Upper Canada
College and Royal Grammar School.

or order,

OFFICE OF THE BURSAR OF THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES AT TORONTO,

Toronto, 19th March, 1862.

MY DEAR SIR,—I was not very much surprised when you informed me on Saturday that Mr. Alan Cameron, in his interview with the Commissioners on Thursday, had asserted that he was at one time Bursar, desiring it evidently to be understood by you that he had been *superseded* by me. Further thought upon this subject has led me to the determination to furnish the Commissioners the copy of memorial and report to which I refer in my answers to some of your queries, and to give you personally a little further information regarding Mr. Cameron's position. The copy referred to, with an official letter to your Chairman, accompanies this letter.

The report will show what Mr. Cameron's standing in the office was when Mr. Baldwin's Act came into operation on 1st January, 1850, and up to the end of that year.

Any one reading that Act, especially the 21st and 22nd sections, will see that the Board of Endowment came in the place of the former Bursarship of King's College.—Consequently, what was the Bursar's office before 1st January, 1850, became the Board of Endowment office on that day.

That you may have something else in proof of this, my interpretation of the Act, I enclose a form of cheque adopted by the Board itself.

But although this is evident, yet in the Act (section 40) in which the order in which the different charges upon the Income Fund are to rank is prescribed, the Bursar is classed with the Librarian and other officers and servants of the University. As this is the only place where such an officer is named, it is clear that the title must have stepped in through oversight. Nevertheless, it was enough to enable an acute lawyer to hang something on; and although a Bursar of the University could not so be appointed, yet it was argued that the Board of Endowment could appoint *its own* Bursar, such an officer being recognized by the Act. The Senate, I believe, protested against the appointment, but nothing arose out of it, and I believe the whole transaction stood as stated in my report. Mr. Alan