

Money; and that your Lordship will consider, with the utmost attention, the suggestions I may offer for the incorporation of an University in Upper Canada, whenever I shall have furnished a Draft for the same.

Such Draft I have now the honor to inclose, in the full confidence that it will receive your Lordship's approbation. It is little more than a transcript of the Charter of the late King's College, or of that of the Scotch College now in operation at Kingston, Canada West, with such modifications only as may attach the Institution it seeks to establish to the Church, and separate it from all political influence whatsoever, and enable it to proceed in its work of religious and scientific instruction in security and peace.

But while I thank your Lordship for promising to give due attention to the Draft of the Charter, in order to be in a position to judge of the propriety of recommending Her Majesty to grant Her consent to the desired measure, I trust, that on further reflection, your Lordship will see cause to relinquish any such reference on the subject to Canada as may impede or delay its issue, and for the following among other reasons:—

First, It is the avowed intention of the promoters of the Statute by which King's College has been superseded and its endowment devoted to the establishment of a new University, from which religion is by enactment excluded, to make that University the only one in the Province; and for this purpose they have invited, though as yet without success, those religious bodies who have Colleges of their own to surrender their Charters, and to affiliate themselves as Theological Seminaries around the new University. Now, so long as this desire is cherished on the part of the Provincial Government, an application for their assent to establish a Church University will in all probability fail.

Second, Such reference, I respectively submit, would, upon another ground, be met with refusal or dissent.

The Members of the Church of England being more than one-fourth of the population, and in number more than two hundred thousand, furnish nearly three-fourths of the youth who desire an University Education, as was shewn from the lists of the names of the Students of King's College. Now, all these will go to the Church College, as soon as it commences the business of instruction; and if to these be added the youth of the different denominations having Colleges of their own, the Toronto University, as its friends well know and admit, will be left comparatively empty: hence they will object to any seeming rival.

Third, Had the Bishop and Members of the Church of England besought Her Majesty for something new and uncommon, it would have been reasonable to communicate with the Provincial Government, but they merely ask the advantage which every other body of Christians in Upper and Lower Canada enjoy, namely, one College supported by their own means, in which their youth may