

have been granted to others, of educating their youth from their own resources, in their own way, with the power of conferring upon them degrees to mark their proficiency in the different branches of learning.

The Government will surely not debar them from the privilege which others enjoy, of educating their youth in a College strictly connected with their Church, in order to force them into another Institution which is prohibited from inculcating her doctrines.

That would be making one injury the ground for committing another ; and it would be expecting too much from the Members of the Church to suppose that they could be content to be placed for such reasons under such disadvantages. Neither do I believe that it can be made to appear reasonable to the many thousands who would be so deeply affected by it, that the Government having readily granted Charters for Colleges to the other large bodies of Christians who have desired them, should now, for the first time, discover that this has been an erroneous policy, and should be determined to grant no more exclusive Charters just at that point of time when such a decision would have the effect of leaving the National Church in a position inferior to that of the other Religious Denominations, though in numbers she exceeds them.

His Excellency may be assured that the Members of the Church of England do not value the advantage which they are soliciting less than others value it, and they will not easily be made to feel that they deserve it less.

What they desire and earnestly hope to obtain is a Charter from the Crown, on a principle at least as sound as that which they had received from the same high authority, and which has, by an Act hitherto unprecedented in Colonial Legislation, been taken from them. They are reluctant to believe that this will be long denied to them by their Sovereign ; for they have done nothing to forfeit their right to equal justice.

For any assistance towards that end which His Excellency may render to them they will, I am sure, be most grateful ; and if in the mean time the Legislature shall, upon His Excellency's recommendation, grant a Charter of Incorporation, though it should be to no greater extent than to give them the usual facility for managing their property and affairs, they would, I have no doubt, esteem it a very considerable advantage.

Yet they would, I believe, never cease to indulge the reasonable hope, that the Government would consent to grant them a perfect Charter, nor would they solicit a restricted one with the remotest intention of affiliating with the Toronto University.

It cannot, I believe, be the opinion of His Excellency that the Members of the Church of England are not so numerous as to make their wish a reasonable one, when they desire to have complete within themselves the means of giving a sound and liberal education to their youth ; for he is aware that Scotland, when its whole popu-