

through its Caput, Board of Control and Convocation, legislates for, executes the laws, and controls the several Colleges, as it may think fit; and under such a system neither the Students of the Church of England nor their instructors can be preserved from dangerous associations, and from the constant presence of error and schism, against which we are bound to pray. The measure unsettles all property, by depriving the University of King's College of an endowment which is the gift of the Crown, and thus it introduces a precedent the most destructive to the very existence of Society. If the patents for land are to be touched, there is an end to permanency of any Institution, and public and private property is alike placed at the mercy of a reckless and changing majority. The University of King's College holds its property by direct grant from the Crown, and its title to the same is equally if not more clear than that by which the Religious and Collegiate Institutions of Lower Canada, in general, hold theirs, though very inferior in value and extent; but if it is to be confiscated without reason, and applied at the will of the Legislature, it is only the commencement of an evil that all good men must deplore. There may be a majority found (though I do not believe it) willing to confiscate the endowment of the University of King's College; but, in a very short time, should so wicked a thing be consummated, another majority will be found, fortified by so unprincipled a precedent, to confiscate the like endowments in Lower Canada; for it is not to be supposed that when confiscation once commences, it will be permitted to stop, more especially since the temptation will be much greater. The Endowment of the University of King's College amounts only to two hundred and twenty-five thousand acres, whereas the property belonging to the Collegiate and Religious Institutions of Lower Canada exceeds two millions of acres, as appears from the following table:

The Ursuline Convent of Quebec	161,516
The Ursulines of Three Rivers	38,909
Recollects	945
Bishop and Seminaries of Quebec	693,324
Jesuits	891,845
St. Sulpicians, Montreal	250,191
General Hospital, Quebec	28,197
Do., Montreal	401
Hotel Dieu, Quebec	14,112
Sœurs Grises	42,339
2,125,179 Acres	

Your Memorialist deprecates touching one single acre of these Endowments. They are all dedicated to Sacred purposes, and should be held Sacred. What he contends for is, that the Endowment of the University of King's College is equally Sacred; and that if it be taken away (which God forbid) the time will come, sooner or later, when no destructive precedent will be applied to their confiscation. Your Memorialist, therefore, prays that the Endowment of the University of King's College may remain as it is, undisturbed; and he feels assured that no one who honestly wishes to preserve the endowments in Lower Canada, can, with any consistency, vote for its confiscation. A third consequence will flow from this measure, should it unfortunately pass, highly detrimental to the character and working of the British Constitution. The Crown will be degraded in the eyes of the people, and henceforth its gifts will be despised as so much waste paper, and the salutary influences of the Sovereign, and Representatives, become unfelt and unknown.

A fourth consequence will be, the certain disgrace that so wicked a measure, should it become law, will reflect upon the Province. No attempt has ever been made in any country professing Christianity, to place all the errors of weak and wicked men on an equality with Gospel truth. An attempt was indeed made in Prussia, some years ago, by a stretch of tyrannical power, scarcely compatible even with despotism, to amalgamate, as it were, the Lutheran and Calvinistic denominations, but it has signally failed. Men are not machines, nor are their minds malleable like iron—what a melancholy specimen of the march of intellect, in the nineteenth century, does this dishonest and intolerant measure exhibit.

Another consequence of the measure is, that it destroys the value of Academical degrees; for those it confers will, at best, be acknowledged only within the Province, whereas, degrees conferred under the Royal Charter are recognized throughout the British Empire because they emanate from the Crown—thus the destruction of the Charter of the University of King's College takes away all that is honorable in the degrees, and leaves them worthless. Again, the provisions of the Bill preclude the slightest hope that any one will ever, by gift or bequest, endow a literary or religious Seminary in this unhappy Province: