vince at the Session of the General Assembly in the year 1819, of the sum of L. 250 towards erecting a suitable building, in the said City, for the accommodation of the School. Aid having also been given towards the support of the School by the National Society in England, the Committee chosen and appointed by the Subscribers to the Institution, Inhabitants of the said City, for managing and conducting the affairs of the School, were encouraged to undertake the purchase of a Lot, and the erection of a Brick Building thereon, for the accommodation of the School, one story in height, which has been since completed of the following dimensions in the inside, viz. 78 feet in length, by 33 feet in breadth, and the height of the School Room from the floor to the centre of the arched ceiling 17 feet.

As it was found that many difficulties might arise in managing the affairs of the School from the want of corporate powers for the purpose, the Committee above mentioned presented a Petition to His Excellency in the month of July, 1819, praying that a Royal Charter might be granted for the more perfect establishment of the School, and for erecting a Corporation for receiving, managing, and disposing of the property and funds for the use of the School, and extending the benefits of the Institution.

HIS EXCELLENCY being desirous to promote and encourage an Institution so useful and important, and to extend the benefit thereof to other parts of the Province, was pleased to direct that a Royal Charter should be prepared without delay for the purposes mentioned in this Petition, and the Charter was accordingly prepared and granted by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Province, bearing date the 23d day of August, 1819, by which it is among other things required that the Central School be always held and kept in the said City of Saint John, and

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