

*Report of the Committee relative to a Public School, Windsor, N.S.,
22nd Nov., 1787.*

The Committee appointed by the House for the purpose of considering the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, recommending from His Majesty the establishing and maintaining of Schools within this Province, report,

That they conceive it indispensably necessary that a public School be established as soon as possible in some commodious central situation in this *Province*, for the purpose of instructing the rising generation in the principles of sound Literature and the *Christian Religion*.

And as they conceive it necessary that the master or head of such School should be thoroughly qualified and accomplished for that important trust, they recommend

That an exemplary Clergyman of the Established Church, well skilled in *classical learning, divinity, moral philosophy*, and the *belles lettres*, be provided and placed at the head of the said School. And as an encouragement for such an one, so qualified, to accept of the employment, that a sum not less than £200 sterling per annum be allowed to him.

They also recommend that a *Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy* be likewise provided for the said School with an allowance of £100 sterling per annum. And that THE RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA be requested to endeavour to procure two gentlemen of the above qualifications for those purposes.

The Committee conceive that the neighbourhood of Windsor will be the properest place for this School, and recommend that a commodious house should be hired there for that purpose, till, upon experience of the propriety of the situation, the Province shall find it expedient to erect a more *suitable building*, or to enlarge their place of education.

The Committee, in deliberating upon this subject, having duly considered and lamented the wretched state of *literature in this Province*, and having been unavoidably left to contrast it with the state of literature in the neighbouring Republics, beg leave earnestly to recommend to the consideration of the House, whether it would not be proper, as soon as it can be found practicable, to erect a *College or University in this Province*, to prevent, as early as may be, the youth of this country (now panting after knowledge) from rushing into the various seminaries already established in the United States of America, by which means their attachment to their native country may be in danger of being weakened, and principles imbibed unfriendly to the British Constitution.

These the Committee apprehend are consequences of a very serious nature, and when, added to them, they consider the natural advantages of this Province, which, in point of *situation, climate, salubrity*