

possessions diverted from the humane and pious purposes of the donors the Kings and Subjects of *France*; have been, since the conquest, absorbed by the Reverend Fathers in *Canada* for their personal support; or have been by them distributed in alms and other benevolent charities.

That by the late demise of the Reverend Father *Casot*, the last of the Order in this Province, the estates and possessions of the Society of *Jesuits* are now indubitably vested in His Majesty, and at his royal disposition and will.

That therefore, his dutiful and faithful *Canadian* subjects most humbly beseech His Majesty to appropriate the said Estates, if not already disposed of, to the purpose of Education in this his Province of *Lower-Canada*, in such manner as to His Majesty in his Royal Wisdom may seem meet! Or if already disposed of by His Majesty, that he may be graciously pleased to grant and assign some other estate, or portion of the waste lands of the Crown, or other fund, with Royal foundation, for the purposes of learning and science, as his Royal munificence may direct.

That it is the humble opinion of the Representatives of the Commons of *Canada* in the present Parliament assembled, that the enlightening of the minds of the youth of the Province by liberal education, is the surest means of attaining the ends of that free and generous constitution which His Majesty in Parliament has so graciously been pleased to bestow upon his *Canadian* people. That the more his subjects here, are enabled to perceive the benefits arising from the inestimable boon conferred, the more they will admire and be attached to that wise and incomparable system of civil and political order and freedom which the nations of the world envy, in the kingdoms and countries living under His Majesty's dominion. That happy combination of government, which, as avowed by a conspicuous modern reformer, enables His Majesty, our gracious sovereign, to "reign over a free nation" "with the sole view of making it happy."

Mr. *Planté* moved, seconded by Mr. *Papineau*, in amendment to Mr. *Grant's* motion, that after the word "*that*" in the first line, all the