

VICTORIA, BY THE GRACE OF GOD *of the*
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen,
Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting :

Whereas it hath been represented unto US that there has existed during the last two hundred years and does now exist in that part of our Province of Canada, called Lower-Canada, a Seminary established for the education and instruction of youth, and known by and under the Corporate style and title of "Le Séminaire de Québec;" that the said Seminary comprises a School of Divinity and classes of instruction in Science and Literature at present frequented by more than four hundred pupils; that the said Corporation is amply endowed, being provided with abundant means for carrying out its objects without assistance from the Provincial Legislature; that it possesses extensive and valuable libraries, rich and costly collections of all kinds of Philosophical and other apparatus requisite for assisting in imparting a knowledge of the Sciences.

AND whereas humble application hath been made unto US by the very Reverend LOUIS-JACQUES CASALT, Superior of the said Seminary, and the Reverend ANTOINE PARANT, JOSEPH AUBRY, JOHN HOLMES, LEON GINGRAS, LOUIS GINGRAS, MICHEL FORGUES, ELZÉAR-ALEXANDRE TASCHEREAU and EDWARD-JOHN HORAN, Directors of the said Seminary, that We would be pleased to grant our Royal Charter for the purpose of authorising the said Corporation to confer Degrees and granting unto the said Corporation all other the privileges usually granted to and enjoyed by Universities.

NOW KNOW YE that having taken the premises into our Royal consideration and duly appreciating the great utility and importance of the enjoyment of these privileges by the said "Séminaire de Québec," WE, of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, HAVE ordained and granted and by these presents DO for US, our Heirs and Successors ordain and grant that the said Louis-Jacques Casalt, Antoine Parant, Joseph Aubry, John Holmes, Léon Gingras, Louis Gingras, Michel Forgues, Elzéar-Alexandre Taschereau and Edward-John Horan, and their Successors in their offices aforesaid, shall be and be called as heretofore one body corporate and politic and shall in addition to the powers and privileges by them hitherto possessed and enjoyed in their said corporate capacity, have, possess and enjoy the rights, powers and privileges of a University as hereinafter directed for the education and instruction of youth and students in Arts and Faculties, and that in each and every act or deed done and performed under and in virtue of this Charter, the said "Séminaire de Québec" shall be named, called and known as the "Université Laval" [Laval University.]

AND WE do hereby for US, our Heirs and Successors declare, ordain and grant, that our Trusty and well beloved the Most Reverend PIERRE-FLAVIEN TURGEON, Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Diocese of Quebec, or the Roman Catholic Archbishop for the time being of the said Diocese, or the person administering the said Diocese, shall by virtue of his office be VISITOR of the said University.

AND WE do hereby for US, our Heirs and Successors, declare, ordain and grant that there shall be at all times one RECTOR of the said University, and that the said Office of Rector shall be held by the Superior of the said *Séminaire de Québec* for the time being.

AND WE do hereby for US, our Heirs and Successors, declare, ordain and grant that there shall be such and so many Professors in the different Arts and Faculties, in our said University, as from time to time shall be deemed necessary or expedient and as shall be regulated by the Visitor of our said University, by and with the advice of the University Council hereinafter established.