

have no doubt that it will be confirmed by the general voice of the community.

In connection with the subject of your Library, the Council have to acquaint you, that measures have been taken to obtain a participation in the bounty of the Imperial Government so liberally shewn in bestowing upon several of the literary institutions of the United States, copies of the printed Records of the Realm. This valuable work has been applied for on behalf of the Society, through the regular official channels ; and if His Majesty's Government shall be pleased to grant such a boon to the Capital of the North American Provinces, this, the only Chartered Corporation having the promotion of Historical Studies for one of its peculiar objects, would seem the most suitable place of deposit for the work in question.

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