

in answer to the observation with which the proposition made by desire of His Excellency is introduced, I beg leave to remark, that I should be much grieved to find an impression prevailing in His Excellency's mind that I had, on any occasion, failed to remember the respect due to His exalted station, or the courtesy which it is equally my inclination and my duty to exhibit towards His Excellency personally. You do not, indeed, intimate that His Excellency entertains any such impression.

With regard to any statements which are to be found in my Correspondence, reflecting on the course taken by the Provincial Government and Parliament with respect to the University of Toronto, I have only to observe, that it would have been difficult for me to have expressed myself more strongly than I have felt; for it is my sincere conviction, that we should look in vain in the history of any country governed by British Laws for an instance in which such an entire disregard had been shewn for Chartered Rights as in the destruction of King's College, and the appropriation of its property.

I have said nothing on this point which I do not believe myself fully able to maintain; and am under no apprehension of my statements being successfully opposed in any quarter where I have an opportunity of being heard.

I have given my best consideration to the remarks which His Excellency has done me the honor to submit to me, for the purpose of shewing that it is of small importance to the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Diocese, containing, I think, about 800,000 inhabitants, that they should possess an University with the privilege of conferring Degrees in the Arts. The other Religious Denominations which at present enjoy this advantage by the favor of the Government, do not, as it appears, estimate it highly, and I cannot say that I feel the force of any reasons which have been yet given for hesitating to grant the same privilege to the Members of the National Church.

Their numbers in this Diocese (not less, I suppose, than 200,000) certainly give them a stronger claim than can be urged on the same ground by the Members of any other Religious Body, as the published Returns of the Population shew beyond question. It may be apprehended that, if the proposed Church of England University should be incorporated according to the prayer of the Members of that Church, its success might be injurious to the Toronto University, which has been raised upon the ruin of King's College, and supported with its Funds.

But I can hardly persuade myself that, because it has been thought expedient to deprive of its property and its charter a College founded by the Sovereign, in avowed connection with the Established Church of the Empire, it can be thought a just policy to withhold from the Members of that Church the possibility of repairing the injury, by denying to them the same privileges that