

concur with me in thinking that it is expedient that a decision in favor of the Lord Bishop's application should be, at least for a time, suspended.

2. It may be necessary, before I close this Despatch, that I should offer some remarks on the very serious charges which are advanced against the Provincial Government and Parliament in the Correspondence which your Lordship has transmitted to me. I approach the subject with reluctance, for I should deeply regret it, if anything were to fall from me which was calculated to keep up the asperity of feeling from which the interests of Education in Upper Canada have already so cruelly suffered. I fear, however, that if I were to abstain from all notice of the charges, it might be supposed that I admitted the accuracy of the representations on which they are founded.

3. In the Letter addressed by the Bishop to the Provincial Secretary, dated the 20th January, of which the Copy is herewith enclosed; the charges to which I refer are alluded to in the following words:—"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;" and again, I find in the Report which his Lordship furnished to you, of a conversation which took place between himself and the late Sir Robert Peel, a paragraph which defines yet more accurately the view which he entertains on this point. The Bishop there represents himself to have said, "But "the College or University of Toronto is founded on the ruins of "King's College, whose Royal Charter it has repealed, under the "pretence of amending it, and whose endowment of Eleven "Thousand per annum, though secured by a Patent from the Crown, "and guaranteed by the pledge of three Kings, it has seized and "appropriated to itself." "Then, if I understand it," said Sir Robert, "the Government would have made a parallel case had "they seized upon Trinity College, Dublin, and not only destroyed "its Religious character, but endowed with its property all the new "Colleges. "Such," I answered, "would have been a case exactly parallel." These representations seem to have produced, as might indeed have been anticipated, very considerable effect. I have before me an Address in favor of the Church University, signed by English Noblemen and Gentlemen of high character and station, in which the epithet "Anti-Christian" is applied to the University of Toronto. Among the names appended to this Address, are those of Statesmen who, like the late Sir Robert Peel, promoted the