

to erect a suitable building and provide a library, philosophic apparatus, and a botanic garden.

"That an annual sum of four thousand pounds may be deemed necessary to defray the salaries of the Principal, Professors, Preceptors, Scholarships, Librarian, Gardener and other officers, with other contingencies.

"That to raise these sums it will be proper that a sale of land should be made from time to time, to meet with security the exigencies of the establishment until the revenue will supply the annual expenditure.

"That a Commission should permanently attend, with large powers to sell and lease the land, and manage its revenues, under the direction of the Executive Government. It is also considered that it would conduce much to the importance and utility of the projected University if its constitution should be by a Royal Charter.

"All which is humbly submitted.

"By order,

"(Signed), W. DUMMER POWELL, C. J.

"Executive Council Chamber, York, 7th January, 1819."

From this report, signed by Chief Justice Powell, it may be seen that no answer or further confirmation of the previous report signed by Chief Justice Elmsley, could be traced in the Office of the Executive Council. The first observation made in this second report is, "that provision for District Schools is not now required out of this fund, (such provision) being made by the Legislature," and the Committee recommend the appropriation of the whole 500,000 acres to the purposes of the projected University.

Four years later, that is to say, in 1823, Sir Peregrine Maitland obtained the sanction of the Imperial Government (as conveyed in a despatch from Earl Bathurst, His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies) to the establishment of a General Board of Education in this Province.

On the 7th March, 1826, the following petition was addressed by this Board:—

*"To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, K. C. B., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major-General Commanding His Majesty's forces therein, &c., &c., in Council:*

"The Petition of the President and Members of the Board for the General Superintendence of Education in this Province,

"HUMBLY SHEWETH,—That according to the original appropriation of lands made under the sanction of His Majesty's Government on the 1st December, 1798, *in order to raise a fund for promoting education*, 549,217 acres were set apart as reserve for that purpose, and continued to be reserved for many years agreeably to the original order."

"That subsequently, to facilitate the formation of roads and settlements and for other objects, the Government of this Province has from time to time granted to individuals, or resumed in order to grant them various portions of such reservations amounting in the whole to 203,786 acres. That in Townships newly surveyed 94,000 acres have been reserved in order to replace in part the portions of the original reservation which have been applied as above mentioned to purposes inconsistent with the objects first intended, and that the lands now reserved for the purpose of providing means of education do not in the whole exceed 439,431 acres, and falling short of the appropriation made by the order of 1st December, 1798, by 109,768 acres.

"Your memorialists humbly beg leave to represent to your Excellency that, independent of the fact that the lands recently set apart to replace those reserved are of considerably inferior value, it is in the opinions of your memorialists very desirable that the full quantity originally intended to be assigned to the important object for which they have been appointed Trustees should be preserved, and so that end they pray that your Excellency in Council will be pleased to order that such quantity of the lands now remaining at the disposal of the Crown as will be sufficient to make up the original reservation, may be set apart for that purpose."

"And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

In this memorial it will be observed that the President and Members of the Board speak of the original appropriation as lands set apart as "reserved, in order to raise a