

lege remained without a Charter, it would be a source of complaint and irritation among my people who would feel themselves proscribed and in a state of persecution; my wish has been to smooth down matters, and to rest satisfied with a Charter, without asking anything further, or dwelling upon our injuries. But peace and tranquillity cannot be looked for, if so small a gift is refused. Indeed to refuse it is the worst policy imaginable; for it will compel us to look with envy on our neighbours in the United States, where there is no instance of a Charter such as we pray for, having been refused. Instead of circumscribing their Colleges and Schools of Learning, that acute people take delight in their multiplication; and so little jealous are they in this respect, that they have cherished all such Institutions as had been founded by the Crown previous to the Revolution, and such have received from the Ruling Powers ample protection after those Powers had become foreign to the British Empire. Thus the Colleges in the Colonies are respected and preserved, and their Endowments not only held sacred, but largely increased. Sir Robert smiled, and said, "I am not surprised at your warmth, for the ease is very aggravated; and perhaps it would be better to go at once and state your ease to Lord John Russel, who would, I believe, do what is right: but this we will consider: should the Colonial Office fail you, You must, however, be patient and hope the best. I shall do what I can, because your object is just; but I must again remind you, that there is little in my power."

I then told Sir Robert that the Duke of Wellington was favorable to our proposed Church University, and was about to transfer to it some valuable property which His Grace possessed in Canada, to found Scholarships. Sir Robert expressed great pleasure at this communication, and when I took leave, he accompanied me to the door and shook hands, and parted with great kindness.

Not having heard from Sir Robert Peel, I determined to leave my name at his residence on Saint Peter's Day; but after proceeding some way through the Park towards Whitehall, I thought it might appear somewhat intrusive or premature, and that it would be better to wait a few days longer. But alas! on that very day the accident happened, which terminated so fatally to himself and family the nation and the world.

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DOWNING STREET, 26th July, 1850.

MY LORD,

I have had the honor of receiving your Lordship's letters of the 18th ultimo and 20th instant, on the subject of the Establishment, by Royal Charter, of an University in Upper Canada exclusively connected with the Church of England.