

Majesty to listen to the anxious desire of His faithful subjects in Upper Canada, by arresting the Alienation of these lands from their original purpose and placing them under the controul of the Legislature, and for this object your committee submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the House.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly, }  
23rd Feb'y 1831.

*Resolved*, That His Majesty in the year 1797, was graciously pleased to communicate to the Government of this Province by a despatch from the Duke of Portland to Mr. President Russell, in answer to a joint address of the Legislature, His Majesty's intention to set apart a certain portion of the waste lands of the Crown as a fund for the Establishment and support of a free Grammar school in those Districts in which they are called for, and in due process of time to establish other seminaries of a more comprehensive nature.

*Resolved*, That although more than 30 years have elapsed since His Majesty made this gratifying communication, it does not come within the knowledge of this House that even one free grammar school has been endowed from these lands, or any other Seminary Established in consequence of that reservation, except a school at the seat of Government, called "the Royal Grammar School."

*Resolved*, That the Establishment by the Legislature of a public school in each District with a salary of £100 currency paid out of the Provincial Treasury to the Master, does not afford sufficient means to instruct the Youth of the Province in the several branches of classical

and scientific learning, and ought not, therefore, to be considered as a reason for withholding the support which His Majesty intended for the District Grammar schools.

*Resolved*, That it is most important to the contentment and Welfare of the people of this Province that the school lands be applied to the purposes for which they were originally intended and immediate steps taken to represent to His Majesty's Government that the several Districts, from their extensive and rapidly increasing population, are now in a state to require the establishment of free Grammar Schools, with a suitable endowment, which schools if incorporated with the present District schools would afford the means of respectable support to a master and two assistants, in each, and thereby enable the inhabitants generally to confer the blessings of a liberal education on their children, and find employment as masters for such of them as may be found to have made the necessary proficiency in the acquirement of Classical and scientific knowledge.

*Resolved*, That it would be much more satisfactory to the people of this Province if the monies arising from the sale of school lands were paid into the hands of the Receiver General, and the fund placed at the disposal of the Legislature instead of the present arrangement—as not only the control of the funds, but the general superintendance and organization of the whole system would thus be open to public inspection and approval.

*Resolved*, That an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty, setting forth the substance of the foregoing resolutions, and imploring His Majesty's early attention to the anxious hope of His Majesty's faithful subjects of Upper Canada; that the school lands may not be applied to any other object than that for which they were intended by His Majesty's late Royal Father.

FINIS.