

established in each and every District as nurseries for the contemplated University. No further steps seem to have been taken for many years to carry out these suggestions, but in 1820, when a law was passed to increase the representation of the House of Assembly, it was, among other things, provided, "That whenever the University shall be organized, and in operation as a Seminary of learning in this Province, and in conformity to the rules and regulations of similar institutions in Great Britain, it shall be represented in the Provincial Parliament by one Member."

In December, 1825, His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland addressed Lord Bathurst on the subject of the University, and of the incalculable importance of its immediate establishment,—“Education,” continues His Excellency, “must have an ascendancy to a certain extent in every country, and to provide for that education being received under circumstances that must produce a common attachment to our Constitution, and a common feeling of respect and affection for our ecclesiastical establishment is an object so evidently desirable, that I need not press it upon your Lordship’s attention.

“Your Lordship is aware, that about four hundred and fifty thousand acres of land have been set apart for a provision for this object; but some of these lands, though they possess the advantage of being in large blocks, lie in tracts at present remote from settlements, and a considerable portion of them is not of the first quality.

“It has occurred to me that if your Lordship saw fit to allow that an equal quantity of the best of these lands