

That your Petitioners are decidedly of opinion that the Education of Youth, properly directed, in the Acquisition of Knowledge, Morality, Religion, Literature, and Science, must be regarded by every enlightened and virtuous Man as a Matter of the highest and most vital Importance. But at present the Condition of most of the common Schools is so inefficient as to endanger the best Interests of the Country, and urgently demand immediate Amelioration; nor can they conceal their Opinion that it is the Duty of their Legislators to originate, foster, and patronize a general and improved System of Education.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly and earnestly pray that your Honourable House will adopt the most effectual Means to do away with the Rectory Corporations, and to appropriate the Proceeds of the Clergy Reserves to the aforementioned Purposes, as in your Wisdom may seem proper.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Signed by James Jackson and 364 others.]

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