

FINAL REPORT

OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF INQUIRY INTO THE AFFAIRS OF KING'S COLLEGE UNIVERSITY, AND UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

The undersigned Commissioners of Inquiry into the Affairs of King's College University, and Upper Canada College, beg to submit to Your Excellency the following Report. The Commissioners of Inquiry derived their authority from the following Statute of the University, passed on 20th July, 1848.

Toronto, Canada West,
7th of August, 1848.

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(Signed,) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

WHEREAS it is most probable that this University will shortly again engage the attention of the Provincial Parliament, as it has done already for several sessions past, and may be made the subject of some legislative provision for putting it on a different footing from that on which it now rests: And whereas the Bill introduced into the Lower House of Parliament for this purpose, in the Year of Our Lord 1843, contained a provision for the appointment of a Commission, with certain powers in the said Bill specified, to examine into all accounts and other fiscal affairs of the said University, and of those of Upper Canada College, as an appendage to the same, and into all matters in any way connected with such affairs, and to report thereon; and in the event of the Commissioners, or the majority of them, disapproving the system upon which such accounts were kept, with power to frame and report a new system for the keeping of such accounts. And whereas it is desirable to facilitate as much as possible the early and final settlement of such question, and it is therefore expedient that such inquiries should be made at once, in order to enable the Legislature the sooner to come to a final determination thereon: And whereas, a belief in the existence of an unsatisfactory state of the financial affairs of this Institution has gained ground with the public, which it is hoped such inquiry would remove; and it is to that end of the utmost importance that the same should be carried on as well under the express authority of the University, and with all the aid that can be afforded by the members and officers thereof, as that it should also be conducted by persons not heretofore in any way connected with the management of its affairs: And whereas John Wettenhall, of Nelson, in the County of Halton, Esquire, Joseph Workman, of the City of Toronto, Esquire, and Robert Easton Burns, of the same place, Esquire,

are gentlemen considered well qualified to perform this duty.

Be it therefore enacted and ordained, 1st. That the said John Wettenhall, Joseph Workman, and Robert Easton Burns shall, and they or any two of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to examine into and report upon the financial affairs of this University, and the state of the endowment thereof, and also into the financial affairs of Upper Canada College as an appendage to this University, and the state of the endowment thereof, and all things touching the finances or endowments of them or either of them, as fully and effectually, and with all the like powers, as far as this Statute can confer such powers, as the same could or might have been done by any Commission that might have been appointed under the authority contained in the said Bill had the same passed into a Law.

2nd, That such Commissioners, or the majority of them, shall have, and are hereby invested with, full powers and authority to send for and examine such of the officers and members of this University, and of Upper Canada College, as an appendage to the same, and also, all such clerks and servants of them or either of them, and generally all such persons in the service or employment of both or either of the said institutions as such Commissioners, or the majority of them, shall think expedient or necessary for the purposes of such inquiry: and all such officers, members, clerks, servants, and persons so employed, shall, and they are hereby required to communicate to such Commissioners, or the majority of them, all the information in their power touching or in any wise concerning the subject of such enquiry, and moreover produce, and show to such Commissioners, or the majority of them, on their requisition, all such books, papers and records, or other matters as the said Commissioners, or the majority of them, shall or may from time to time think necessary or useful, with a view to the inves-