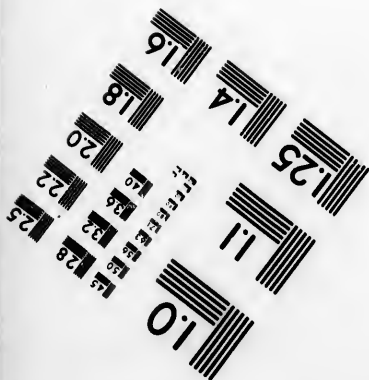
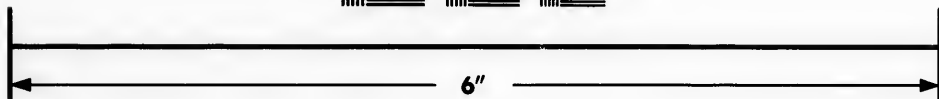
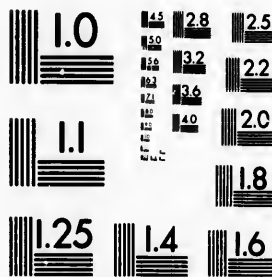


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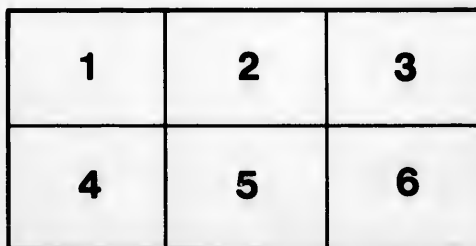
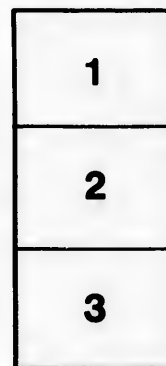
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**TESTIMONIAL**  
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CHRISTMAS EXAMINATION, 1845.

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“THE Trustees and Governors of the Central Academy desire to express, through the medium of the *Royal Gazette*, their entire approbation of the progress made, since last year, by the scholars in that Institution—a progress which, in their opinion, evinces not only the ability and industry of the Head, and other Masters, but the happy results of the system of instruction which is at present in operation under their auspices—results, the progress of which is exhibited by the more advanced state of knowledge in every department of science and literature, observable since last examination.”

Dec. 23, 1845.

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[*The Lieut. Governor's Address on the same occasion.*]

“It is not for the purpose of drawing an invidious comparison that I call to your remembrance the state of this Institution when I came to the Colony four years ago; but it is necessary to do so, in order justly to estimate its present condition. At the end of the first year I attended an examination, which appeared to me very little to merit that name; the Institution was in disrepute—without a system—without disci-

pline—the number of students rapidly decreasing—and discreditable habits encroaching upon those who remained. The Institution had, in short, accomplished an unenviable distinction, threatening its annihilation.

“It has been my happiness to witness the government of the Institution pass into other, and, I must say, more able hands: the result has been, that its character has sustained a masterly and complete renovation in the charge of the present Head Master, supported by two others subordinate to him, all selected in a careful and judicious manner by the Trustees. Under its present system, the Institution has established an undeniable claim to a very elevated reputation.

“The examinations of last year were creditable; but—through the zeal, ability, and method displayed by the present Masters—it has this year been infinitely surpassed; the natural abilities of the student having been developed by the judgment, and nourished by the knowledge of the instructor.

“I must express myself also extremely gratified, by observing the emulation that has distinguished the students throughout the severe examination to which they have been subjected; and although the contest for superiority has been ardent, yet it has been totally divested of all acrimony: the rivalry of the student has not interrupted the friendship of the schoolboy.

“I shall now proceed to the pleasing duty of dispensing the presents which have been provided to reward the more meritorious; but I will not sit down without expressing my confident belief that in those assembled before me, I see the embryo of a future power that will advance this Island to a place she is very capable of maintaining amongst the Colonies of the British Crown.”

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*From “The Islander,” January, 1845.*

CENTRAL ACADEMY.—We have been highly pleased during the week at the examination of the pupils in this Institution; the results in every department have

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been of the most gratifying character, reflecting the highest credit on the Masters and the Scholars. The marked improvement in the management of the Academy is, beyond controversy, evinced by the progress made in each branch of education. We speak, and not unadvisedly, but with the concurrence of competent judges, when we say that the youth of this Island have within their reach means of instruction quite equal, if not superior, to those attainable at Windsor, in the Canadas, or New Brunswick. If circumstances permitted, and there existed any endowment, we think a fair claim might be made for the erection of this establishment to the rank of a College; the advantages of which may be easily understood, when we see candidates for the different professions, forced—at great expense to their parents—to graduate in Colleges, where—and we do not speak it to their disparagement—the means of instruction are not of a higher character than those we possess at home. Whilst, however, the higher branches of Education are well supplied, it is the peculiar characteristic of our Academy, that all the lower and elementary subjects are placed within the reach of the younger scholars, and poorest of the population. We think these things are of the utmost importance, as inducements to the emigration of capitalists; for the state of education will always be, to persons contemplating settling amongst us, a subject of the most anxious enquiry. We think we ought not to close our notice of this subject, without returning our thanks to the Trustees of the Academy for that steady perseverance in support of its discipline and efficiency, which is so generally useful, and affords the best encouragement to the Masters.

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*Testimonials.*—No. 1.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR HENRY VERE HUNTLEY,  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Aug. 6, 1845.

My dear Sir ;

IN reply to your letter of the 4th instant, requesting me to state my opinions with respect to the present

condition of the Central Academy, and in the discharge of your duties in the position you fill as Head Master of that Institution, I have to assure you of the unqualified pleasure I feel in being called upon to bear testimony upon this subject, because, previously to your arrival in this Island, the Central Academy had fallen into such degradation, that many families preferred sending their sons, for the purpose of education, to private teachers in Charlottetown; and, consequently, the students of the Academy were diminished in number to less than half of those now under your charge. At the period I allude to, there appeared to be neither religious, moral, nor classical instruction zealously or properly conveyed. Indeed, insubordination and disregard of authority and of character seemed to prevail.

I have now the very gratifying task of stating that this ruinous want of system has been, by you, totally overthrown; and a system, by you established, of a nature the most opposite: and I must add that, under your control, the Central Academy has not only regained the students who had been withdrawn, but has also acquired many others; a clear proof of the estimation in which your exertions and abilities are held. I think it right to enclose an extract from the Speech I addressed, in March last, upon this subject to the Houses of Legislature.\*

Believe me, dear Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

H. V. HUNTLEY, Lt. Gov.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.,  
Central Academy.

\* The following is the extract alluded to:—"It is with the sincerest gratification that I notice the advance of the Educational Institutions throughout this Island; I feel it my especial duty to observe upon the unwonted position to which the Central Academy has attained under the reorganization of its system lately introduced and carried out with great zeal."

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## No. 2.

*(The Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island.)*

I have much pleasure in certifying that Mr. Edward R. Humphreys, Head Master of the Central Academy in this Island, has conducted that Institution with great zeal and ability ;—that his high classical attainments, indefatigable personal exertions, and very judicious management, added to his exemplary moral character, have mainly contributed to raise that Institution to a high rank in public estimation, and much to advance its prosperity.

I also certify that Mr. Humphreys has, by his literary productions and exertions, been greatly instrumental in promoting the cause of education throughout the Island.

E. J. JARVIS,

*Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island,  
and President of the Board of Governors  
and Trustees of the Central Academy.*

Mount Edward, 12th August, 1845.

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 No. 3.

*(The Honorable R. Hodgson, Attorney General.)*

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND,  
13th August, 1845.

My dear Sir ;

In reply to your note of this date, I beg to say that it affords me great satisfaction to be enabled to state, that since you have filled the situation of Head Master of the Central Academy of this Island, the Institution has prospered amazingly, and that you have raised its character, as a seminary of education, in the estimation both of its Governors, and of the Public at large, from a very low one, to one of the very highest degree—that your talents as a Classical scholar—your general acquirements—admirable system and mode of communicating the knowledge you possess, and your gentlemanly conduct and character,

have alone been the means, under Providence, of working the great change in the Institution: and I may likewise add, that you have conferred lasting benefits upon this community, by your published educational works, which evince talent of the highest order, and bear ample testimony to the veracity of this my opinion.

I can have no objection to your using this note in any way you may deem conducive to your views.

Believe me to remain,  
Your's very sincerely,

R. HODGSON,

*One of the Governors of the Central Academy;  
President of the Legislative Council, and Her  
Majesty's Attorney General of P. E. Island.*

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No. 4.

*(Hon. Joseph Pope, Speaker of the House of Assembly.)*

I have much gratification in bearing testimony to the unwearied zeal and great ability, with which Mr. Edward R. Humphreys has, since his appointment in 1844, discharged the important duties of Head Master of the Central Academy of this Island, whereby he has succeeded in raising the character of that Institution in Public estimation, to a degree heretofore unattained; whilst his unremitting exertions in the cause of general education throughout this Colony, have been such as to confer much benefit on the community at large.

JOSEPH POPE,

*Speaker of the House of Assembly of Prince  
Edward Island; Member of the Executive  
Council; and one of the Trustees of the Central  
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## No. 5.

(*The Hon. T. H. Haviland, Colonial Secretary.*)

It affords me much satisfaction to be enabled to contribute my testimony to the beneficial effects which have resulted from the unwearied zeal, assiduity and ability, with which Mr. Edward Rupert Humphreys has conducted the Central Academy of this Island, since his appointment as Head Master of that Establishment in 1844.

To him alone is due the credit of having placed the Institution in that high position which it at present possesses, and which promises fruits of permanent advantage to the Educational interests of this Colony.

The classical acquirements of Mr. Humphreys, are amply tested by the literary works which have been produced by him, some of which have passed through the press of this Island.

T. H. HAVILAND,

*Colonial Secretary of Prince Edward Island.*

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 No. 6.

(*The Hon. Charles Hensley.*)

Dear Sir;

I have much pleasure in testifying to your very able and zealous exertions, as Secretary of the Board of Education, to improve and organize a better system of Education in this Island: but I am more particularly concerned in bearing witness to your successful labours in the Central Academy, which, under your superintendence, has most deservedly attained a standing and reputation it had not previously enjoyed.

I am, dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

CHARLES HENSLEY,

*Vice President of the Trustees of the Central Academy, and a Member of the Executive Council.*

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No. 7.

(*The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Ecclesiastical Commissary.*)

CHARLOTTETOWN, August 13, 1845.

My dear Sir;

As I have no official connection with the Central Academy, and never have attended any of the stated Public Examinations of the pupils, I cannot give you so full and satisfactory a certificate as I could wish.

At the same time I consider myself fully authorized in stating that the Academy has attained a high character and standing since it has been placed under your management. A better system of instruction has been introduced, comprehending a greater variety of Educational branches, and a higher range of literature.

The discipline and moral training of the pupils, I have occasion to know, have been much improved.

With my son John's progress, whilst he was your pupil, I have every reason to feel satisfied, and am truly grateful for your kindness and attention to him.

I am, dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

L. C. JENKINS,

*Rector and Eccl. Commissary.*

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No. 8.

(*The Rev. Dr. Wiggins, Rector of Richmond Parish.*)

ST. ELEANOR'S, P. E. ISLAND,  
25th July, 1845.

My dear Sir;

In reply to your question—"Do you think that the system of Education in Prince Edward Island has undergone any improvement since my arrival?" I am happy to say, I think it has undergone a very marked improvement.

From a residence of fifteen years as a Missionary in this Colony, I have had every opportunity of be-

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coming acquainted with the system (or I would rather say, want of system) of Education in this Island. Up to the time of your arrival, the Central Academy appeared to me to be in a most inefficient state; but since it has been under your care, it has acquired a reputation inferior to that of no establishment of the kind, with which I am acquainted in the Colonies.

The common District Schools also—from your laudable exertions as Secretary of the Board of Education, in sifting the qualifications of Teachers, and from the School-books that you have published, and otherwise brought into circulation among them, are also very materially improved in their tone and character.

You are quite at liberty to use this communication in any way in which it may have a tendency to promote your views.

Believe me, my dear Sir,  
Very faithfully your's,  
A. V. WIGGINS, D. C. L.  
*Rector of Richmond Parish.*

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(*Second Letter from the Chief Justice.*)

MOUNT EDWARD, 29th July, 1846.

My dear Sir ;

I beg to say that I shall be most happy to confirm, in every respect, my former Testimonial; and, moreover, I beg to offer you my best thanks for your unwearied attention to my son William, who has now finished his course at the Central Academy, and to assure you that I feel fully sensible of the very satisfactory progress he has made in his studies under your able and judicious instruction.

I remain, my dear Sir,  
Your's very faithfully,  
E. J. JARVIS.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.,  
Head Master Central Academy.

(*The Hon. J. S. Smith, Treasurer of P. E. Island*)

SPRING PARK, July 20th, 1846.

Dear Sir;

As my second son has left the Central Academy, in consequence of going to reside at Windsor College, as a student of Divinity, I feel it due to you to offer my sincere thanks for the unremitting attention you have bestowed on him, as well as upon my eldest son, who left you last year; and, at the same time, have to express my perfect satisfaction with the progress they made in the different branches of Education which they were studying while under your tuition, as well as the high sense I have of the anxiety and solicitude you at all times evinced to convey to them those classical and literary attainments of which you are so eminently possessed, and so well qualified to impart.

I have only to add, that I trust you may be induced to continue at the head of our Academy for many years longer, as I should personally regret your removal from amongst us, and should look upon such an event as a great loss to the Institution, and to the rising generation of this Island.

I have the honor to be, dear Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

J. SPENCER SMITH.

E. R. Humphreys, Esq.

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(*Miss Fanning.*)

October 7th, 1846.

Miss Fanning presents her compliments to Mr. Humphreys, and begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the copy of his works which he has been so obliging as to send for her acceptance, and which she is much gratified in receiving.

It has also afforded Miss Fanning great satisfaction to hear, from different sources, of the improved system of education introduced in this Colony by Mr.

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Humphreys, and she trusts that the Institution over which he at present presides, with so much credit to himself and advantage to the Public, may long have the benefit of his valuable superintendence.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.,  
King's Square.

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(*Second Letter from the Hon. T. H. Haviland, Colonial Secretary, P. E. Island.*)

My dear Sir ;

It was with much satisfaction that I bore testimony, twelve months since, to the zeal and ability displayed by you as Head Master of the Central Academy, and to their beneficial influence upon the prospects of that Institution. I am happy to be enabled to add, that the experience of the past year has afforded ample grounds for the confirmation of my previous opinion, both as regards yourself, and the establishment over which you so creditably preside.

Yours very truly,  
T. H. HAVILAND.

July 24.

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(*Third Letter from the same.*)

CHARLOTTETOWN, Sept, 29, 1846.

My dear Sir;

Permit me to acknowledge your very acceptable present of a copy of the "Horace" lately edited by you, and which reflects no less credit upon your scholastic acquirements, than it does upon the labour and perseverance bestowed on its production, during a period when the other avocations of your profession must have left you little leisure to devote to it.

I am, my dear Sir,  
Very sincerely yours,  
T. H. HAVILAND.

E. R. Humphreys, Esq.

[ *The Hon. E. Palmer, Member Executive Council, &c.* ]

24th July, 1846.

My dear Sir;

I am happy to find—by the manner in which the pupils have acquitted themselves at the late Examination—that the Central Academy fully sustains the high character, and well-grounded popularity, which it so early acquired after being entrusted to the management of the present Masters.

I understand you contemplate certain arrangements for the reception of boarders; I trust your intentions may be carried into effect, that the value of the Institution may yet find a more extended sphere.

From my own knowledge of your character as a private gentleman, I feel assured that, in entrusting students to your care, their parents or guardians may rely upon their receiving faithfully every instruction and attention which a proper regard for their welfare and morals may require.

I am, my dear Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD PALMER:

Edward R. Humphreys, Esq.,  
Head Master, &c.

(*The Hon. W. Swabey, Member Legislative Council.*)

Dear Sir;

I am happy to have it in my power to thank you for the progress made by my three sons, during the time you have been at the head of the Central Academy.

As they have been under your immediate care, and in your classes, I think it nothing more than your due that I should acknowledge my satisfaction at the state of their studies. For the present state of affairs in the Academy, we are mainly indebted to the improvement which has arisen under your superintendence.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

W. SWABEY.

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(Letter from His Excellency Sir John Harvey, &c. &c.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HALIFAX,  
December 26, 1846.

Sir ;

I request you to receive the expression of my sincere thanks for your letter, and the books which accompanied it ; and the assurance that, if any opportunity should at any time offer to enable me to evince my favorable sentiments towards you in a more substantial manner, I shall not be found backward in availing myself of it.

I remain, Sir,  
Your very obedient Servant,  
J. HARVEY.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.,  
Prince Edward Island.

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(The Hon. John Brecken, Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils.)

THURSDAY, 15th July, 1847.

Dear Sir ;

I was much pleased with the very creditable manner in which the pupils passed their Examination on Tuesday last, and, as Frederick will not return (in consequence of his being about to commence the study of a profession), I take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks for your kind attention to him during the period he has been under your care, as evinced by the very satisfactory manner in which he acquitted himself on Tuesday last.

I am, dear Sir,  
Yours very truly,  
JOHN BRECKEN.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.,

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\*The last under Mr. Humphreys' management.

(*The Hon. R. Hodgson, Attorney General, &c.*)

JULY 15, 1847.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your note of yesterday's date, I beg to say that, both as a Trustee and Parent, I feel satisfied with the recent Examination of the pupils in the Central Academy, of which you are the Head, as, in my opinion, the classes which I heard examined, evinced a decided improvement since the last preceding Examination, and I shall think it only an act of common justice towards you, to express this my opinion on all necessary occasions.

Your's ever truly,

R. HODGSON.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.

[*Rev. D. Fitzgerald, A. B., Curate of Charlottetown.*]

JULY 15, 1847.

My dear Sir;

Having attended an Examination held at the Central Academy on Tuesday the 13th instant, I have much pleasure in stating that the style of answering on that occasion, was alike creditable to Master and Scholars; and that many of the pupils would have done honour to *any* academy in the Mother Country.

I remain, dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

DAVID FITZGERALD, A. B. T. C. D.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.

[*Francis Longworth, Esq., M. P. P.*]

JULY 16th, 1847.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your note of yesterday's date, I beg to say that I would be doing you, and the other masters of the Central Academy, a manifest injustice, did I

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not at once bear testimony to the very creditable manner in which the pupils in that Institution acquitted themselves at the half yearly Examination on Tuesday the 13th instant.

I am Dear Sir,  
Your's, &c.,

FRANCIS LONGWORTH.

E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.,  
Head Master Central Academy, &c.

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[From the Royal Gazette, August 31, 1847.]

We regret to learn that E. R. Humphreys, Esq., the Head Master of the Central Academy, finds it necessary to resign the important situation which he holds, in consequence of ill health. Mr. Humphreys' loss will be severely felt. As a Teacher, that gentleman has brought the Institution under his charge to such perfection, as to render it equal to the first educational establishments in the British Provinces; while he has extended the benefits of the system upon which he teaches, into the District Schools, by personal superintendence of the instruction of many of the Masters. Mr. Humphreys has richly earned the thanks of the community, for the manner in which his public duties have been discharged. He has brought to bear on the interests of Education, great talents, combined with an earnest desire to impart to others the blessing he himself enjoys of sound and classical knowledge.

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To EDWARD RUPERT HUMPHREYS, Esq., Head Master of the Central Academy, Charlottetown; Secretary of the Board of Education, &c. &c.

We, the undersigned, District Teachers of Prince Edward Island, beg to offer you the expression of our sympathy for the cause which has led you to tender (as we understand) your resignation of the public offices now held by you, as well as our regret, that any cause whatever should withdraw you from that sphere of action, in which you have exerted yourself with so much advantage to the community.

While we avow our conviction that your retirement will be a serious loss to the Colony at large, as evidenced by the high Character to which your talents and exertions have raised our principal Educational Institution, we hold it to be our grateful duty more especially to bear testimony to the ready zeal with which you have uniformly imparted to us any instruction we required, and to the urbanity displayed towards us in your official capacity as Secretary of the Board of Education.

Hoping that you may soon be restored to perfect health, and be enabled to renew your arduous and important labours,

We are, Sir,  
Your obedient servants,

*Archibald McNeill*  
*Daniel Scott*  
*Donald McKinnon*  
*John LePage*  
*Patrick F. Doyle*  
*Wm. Dodd*  
*Alex. McNeill*  
*Robert Barry*  
*John Butler*  
*Miles McInnis*  
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*John Beaton*  
*Hugh Martin*  
*Angus McLeod*

*John Stewart*  
*James Douglas*  
*John Ross*  
*Peter Ross*  
*Alexander McLean*  
*Robert Robertson*  
*Michael McQuaid*  
*E. J. McCornack*  
*Malcolm McDonald*  
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*Malcolm McKenzie*  
*S. Farquharson*  
*Alex. McDonald*  
*A. McKenzie*

September 1st, 1847.

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SAINT ELEANOR'S, September 1st, 1847.

SIR;

We, the undersigned inhabitants of St. Eleanor's, have heard with deep regret that an impaired constitution, no doubt still more debilitated by the arduous duties in which you have for some years past been so honorably and successfully engaged, obliges you to contemplate a speedy resignation of the Head Mastership of the Central Academy.

We fear the Colony must suffer by this, to us, unlooked-for event, an injury not easily to be repaired, and one that must be severely felt by the rising generation.

That your labours have been eminently successful, all admit; and we feel assured that our fellow Colonists will all unite in expressing their regret at your resignation, and wishing you a situation more suited to your impaired bodily faculties, and which will afford more ample remuneration for the exertion of your mental energies.

Wishing you every happiness and success in your future avocation.

We remain, your obedient servants,

*A. V. G. Wiggins, D.C.L.*  
*Rector of Richmond Parish*  
*Joseph Bell, Surgeon*

*W. McEwen*  
*Wm. Williams*  
*Wm. Reid*

*Samuel G.*  
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To E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

To E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq., Head Master of the Central Academy, &c.

SIR ;

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Georgetown and its vicinity, having seen in the papers a notice of your intended resignation, in consequence of ill health, respectfully beg to offer you the expression of our condolence on the cause that has led you to determine upon this step, and of our sincere regret that this Colony is about thereby to lose your valuable services as the Superintendent of its Educational interests.

We cannot do less than express our conviction that you have contributed, in no small degree, since your arrival in this Colony, to raise the standard of general Education, and to elevate the tone of feeling, as well amongst the Teachers as the taught; and we therefore cannot but view with sincere regret the circumstance of your resignation.

In conclusion, we beg to express our hope that, wherever your future lot may be cast, similar success may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, wait upon your efforts, and that a perfect restoration of your own health may be accompanied by the lasting happiness of yourself and family.

We are, Sir, your obedient servants,

Hugh McDonald, M.P.P. & J.P.  
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W. Sanderson, J. P.  
W. Mackay, J. P.  
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John Thomson  
Finlay McNeill  
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John Smith  
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John Kearney  
John Devereux  
D. McQuarrie  
William Polton

John B. Howlett  
Alex. Fergusson  
Andrew Bearisto  
Ezra Wickwire  
William Stiggins  
William McDonald  
John McDonald  
Murdoch McLean  
William Stewart  
Donald Fergusson  
William Thomson  
John Clift  
Archibald White  
Richard M. Gidley  
Archd. McKennon  
John Ross, D. T.  
John Drysdale  
Peter Fergusson  
John Richards

To E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.

Sir;

We have received, through the Secretary, your resignation, with feelings of the deepest regret.

Under any circumstances, your absence from the Mechanics' Institute would, by every member, be regarded as a serious loss, but losing your valuable assistance, through ill health, renders the deprivation doubly painful. The zeal and ability with which you have discharged the duties devolving on you as President of our Institute, merit our warmest thanks, while the many interesting Lectures you delivered, notwithstanding your other literary engagements, deserve the gratitude of the public at large.

We again thank you on the part of the Institute for the interest you have taken in our efforts to diffuse useful knowledge among the people; and, should you pass the next winter amongst us, though deprived of your directing influence as President, we hope for your co-operation as a Lecturer.

Yours very sincerely,

T. Heath Haviland,	George Coles, M. P. P.,
Vice President, M. P. P.	Member Ex. Council
John Kenny, Secretary	Thomas Pethick
John Gainsford	George Beer, jun
Robert McKinlay	Isaac Smith
B. W. Cochran	Watson Dachechin

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PRINCETOWN ROYALTY, 3d Sept. 1847.

To E. R. HUMPHREYS, Esq.

Dear Sir;

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Princetown and Royalty, learning that you are about to resign your public offices in this Colony, in consequence of ill health, cannot forbear expressing our regret, and addressing a few words to you.

As you are personally known to most of us, we the more deeply feel grieved on your own account that you should labour under indisposition, brought on, doubtless, by the severe duties and confinement of your laborious (and, we were almost going to say, *half-paid*) situation; but we also feel that, in your retirement, the education of the country is about to suffer a severe public loss, as you have been the means (under Providence) of infusing a new life (if we may so speak) into the District School system of the Colony.

Believing, Sir, that you will not be disinclined to receive an acknowledgment from a few humble admirers of your worth in

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this part of the Island, we embrace this, perhaps the last, opportunity of recording our sense of your services; and wishing you better health and every degree of prosperity,

We remain, dear Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

Thomas McNutt, J.P.  
Allan Fraser, D. T.  
James Montgomery  
Neil Taylor  
W. E. Clark, M. P. P.  
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