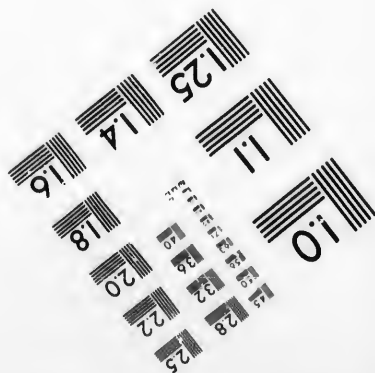
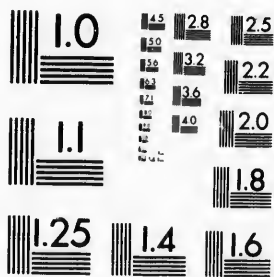


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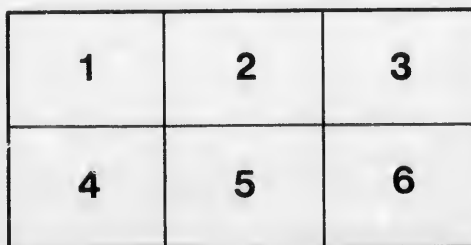
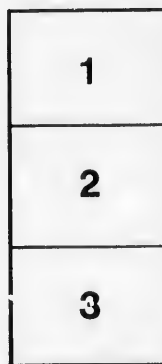
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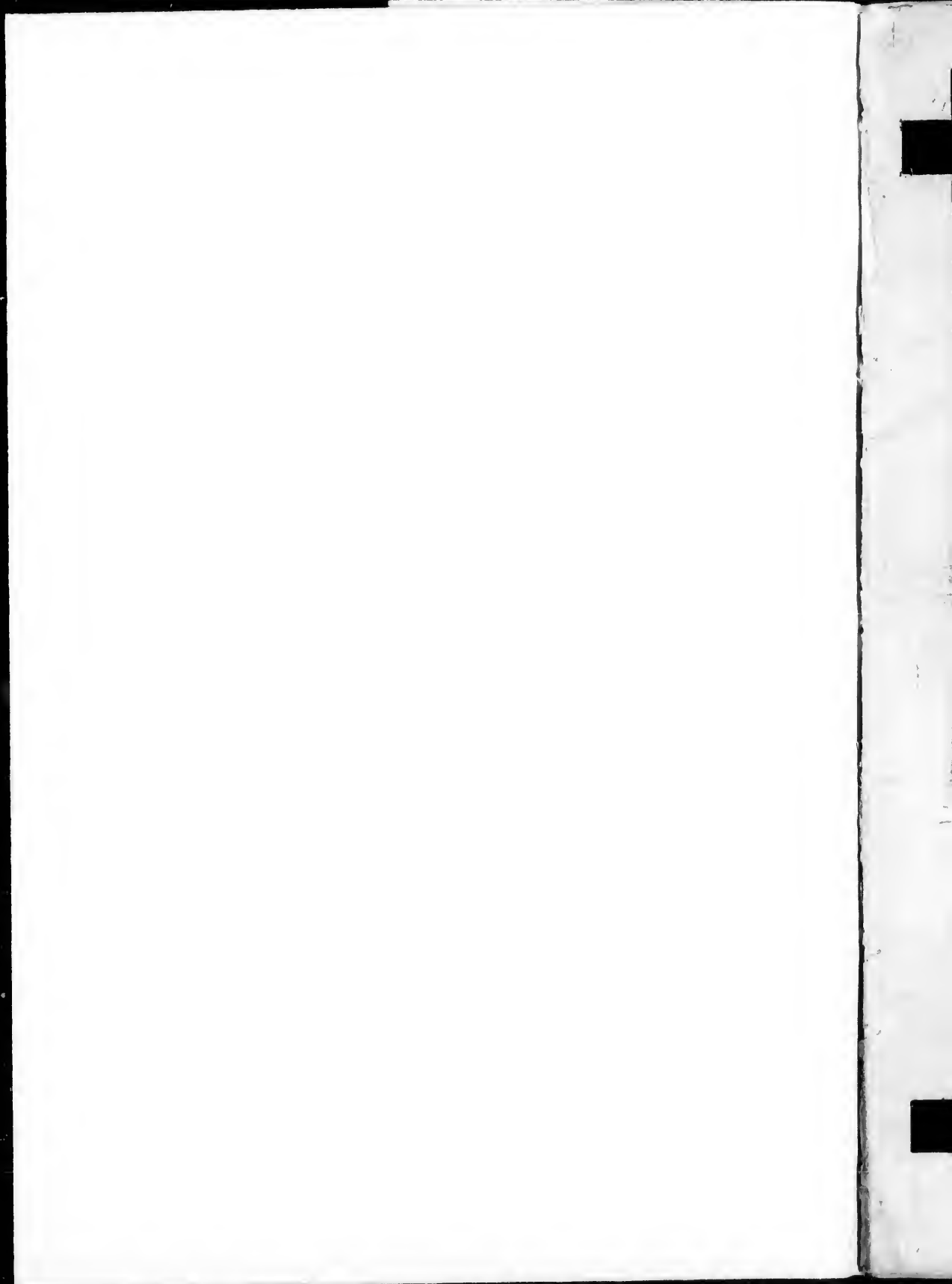
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THE Province of Upper Canada, now known as the Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, was first set off from the Province of Quebec, and established as a separate colony by the Imperial Act 31st Geo. 3rd, Ch. 31, (A.D. 1791.)

Its first Governor, Colonel John Graves Simcoe, (who was afterwards a Lieutenant-General in the British Army.) was appointed in the winter of that year, and at the same time Peter Russell, Esq., was appointed by Commission to administer the Government of the Province in the absence of its Governor.

Governor Simcoe, accompanied by Mr. Russell and other officials for the new colony, sailed from London on the 1st May, 1792, bringing with him the constitution of the Province, and arrived at Kingston, a French fort formerly called Frontenac, in the July following.

John Denison, the head of the Denison family of Toronto, who in his younger days had been a Lieutenant in the 2nd York Militia (afterwards the 65th Regiment of the Line) for seven years on active service, was an intimate friend of Mr. Russell, who had retired from the army as a Captain, having served as Military Secretary to General Sir Henry Clinton in America during the revolutionary war. Mr. Russell's sister and Sophia Denison, the wife of John Denison, had been friends from childhood.

Through the influence of Mr. Russell and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Denison were induced to leave England with their

family at that early period, and emigrate to the new colony at its very first commencement, and sailed with three sons, George, Thomas, and Charles, from Hull, in Yorkshire, on the 1st July, 1792, arriving at Kingston in October of that year, it having occupied them three weeks in steady travelling to get from New York to Oswego, such was the wild condition of the rear of the state of New York at that time.

Mr. Denison resided at Kingston with his family, where he built a residence, until the year 1796, and was about to return to England disheartened by adversities and the unavoidable hardships attending colonial life at that early day. He was, however, deterred from his purpose by the entreaties of his old friends, who persuaded him instead to move up to York, a place just surveyed from the forest for the capital of Upper Canada, and there permanently to settle with his family.

He accordingly came to York (now Toronto) in the Autumn of 1796, and resided at "Castle Frank," a log building erected by Governor Simcoe, a short distance up the river Don, when he first visited the locality as a wilderness, to settle upon a site for the new capital, and which was the first dwelling built by the white man at the Town of York.

At this time the only inhabitants were those mechanics and laborers, who had been sent up by the Government to prepare buildings for the reception of the various departments, and were in charge of Mr. McGill, a commissariat officer—these, with a few men of the Queen's Rangers, sent to furnish a protection against the Indians, who were found in great numbers around the settlement, all lived in huts or shanties.

Mr. Denison continued to reside at York, where he built a cottage for himself, until about the year 1798, when having purchased a tract of land comprising lots 3 and 4 on the Humber, and 3 and 5 in rear thereof, in the Township of York, he went there and settled as a farmer.

While residing at York he lost an infant daughter, but there being at that time no public burial ground, no churchyard,

no church and no clergyman, he was obliged to bury his child in his garden, and after having settled himself on the Humber he had this child removed to a lovely spot overlooking the valley of the river.

The burial of this child was the commencement of what is now permanently established as "St. John's Cemetery on the Humber," and all members of the family dying afterwards were here interred.

When Mr. Denison died, in October 1824, he devised by his will, dated 9th April, 1824, the whole of lot No. 3, in the 5th Con., on the Humber, in the following words:—"I give and bequeath to my son, Charles Denison, after my wife's decease, lot number three, in the fifth concession, west of Yonge Street, in the Township of York. It is my desire that this lot, after my son, Charles Denison's, decease, shall go to his male heir; if he has no male heir, it must go to the male heir at law, and so to continue for ever. The fence which goes round the burying ground, I request they will keep in good and substantial repair."

Charles Denison was his third son, and dying in August, 1828, without issue, this land passed under the entail to the eldest son, George Taylor Denison, who, of course, held as tenant in tail under his father's will.

On the 18th of May, 1846, a Provincial Statute was passed, entitled, "*an Act for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance in lieu of Fines and Recoveries,*" the 3rd clause of which Act is as follows:—"And be it enacted, That after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, every actual tenant in tail, whether in possession, remainder, contingency, or otherwise, shall have full power to dispose of, for an estate in fee simple absolute, or for any less estate, the lands entailed, as against all persons claiming the lands entailed by force of any estate tail which shall be vested in, or might be claimed by the person making the disposition, at the time of his making the same, and also as against all persons, including the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Her

" heirs and successors, whose estates are to take effect after the  
 " determination, or in defeasance of any such estate tail: sav-  
 " ing always the rights of all persons in respect of estates  
 " prior to the estate tail in respect of which such disposition  
 " shall be made, and the rights of all other persons except  
 " those against whom such disposition is by this Act authorized  
 " to be made;" and the late George Taylor Denison, being  
 then the actual tenant in tail, and being fully authorized by  
 that Act to sell and dispose of this lot in fee simple if he  
 wished, preferred rather, in order to carry out the intentions  
 of the late John Denison, his father, to convey the land to  
 the Bishop of the Diocese, as Trustee, for the purposes men-  
 tioned in the Deed of Trust, which is made in the following  
 words:

" This Indenture, made the twenty-third day of June, in the  
 " year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three,  
 " Between George Taylor Denison, of the City of Toronto, in  
 " the County of York, and Province of Canada, Esquire, of  
 " the first part; Maria Priseilla, of the same place, wife of the  
 " said George Taylor Denison, of the second part; and the  
 " Right Reverend John, by divine providence Lord Bishop of  
 " Toronto, of the third part,

" Witnesseth, that whereas the late John Denison, Esquire,  
 " deceased, was in his life-time seised in his demesne, as of fee,  
 " of and in that certain parcel of land and premises situate in  
 " the Township of York, in the County aforesaid, known and  
 " described as lot number three, in the fifth concession of the  
 " said Township of York, west of Yonge Street, on the River  
 " Humber, containing by admeasurement one hundred and  
 " forty-eight acres, be the same more or less, and being so  
 " seised thereof, afterward by his last Will and Testament in  
 " writing, duly made and executed for the passing of Real  
 " Estate, bearing date the ninth day of April, in the year of  
 " our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four,  
 " devised the said lot number three, in the fifth concession in  
 " the Township of York, west of Yonge Street, on the River

“Humber, after the death of his wife Sophia, to his son,  
 “Charles Denison, and his male heir; and if he the said Charles  
 “Denison had no male heir, then the said land was devised to  
 “the male heir of the said John Denison for ever; and the  
 “said Testator, in and by his said Will, also directed  
 “that the fence round the burial ground on the said lot should  
 “be kept in good and substantial repair; and afterwards, that  
 “is to say, on or about the twenty-eight day of October, in the  
 “year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-  
 “four, the said John Denison departed this life without having  
 “altered or revoked the said devise.

“And whereas the said Charles Denison departed this life  
 “without issue and intestate, in or about the month of August,  
 “in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
 “twenty-eight, and the said Sophia, wife of the said Testator,  
 “departed this life in the month of November, in the year of  
 “our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two; And  
 “whereas the party of the first part, being the eldest brother of  
 “the said Charles Denison, and the eldest son of the said  
 “John Denison, and the male heir of them respectively, and  
 “now seised in his demesne as of fee tail, as such heir male  
 “as aforesaid, is desirous to set apart and to preserve for ever,  
 “that portion of the said land and premises herein mentioned,  
 “including the ground wherein the said John Denison and  
 “Sophia his wife, and their descendants and family, are now  
 “interred, for consecration as a burial ground, to be called  
 “‘*St. John’s Cemetery on the Humber*,’ for the use and burial of  
 “those of the blood of the late John Denison, and of the  
 “wives and husbands respectively, of such blood for ever,  
 “according to the intent and Will of the said Testator in that  
 “behalf, with the right of making and erecting all tomb-stones,  
 “monuments, mementoes, and vaults which may be properly  
 “desired to be made and erected in or upon the said ground  
 “for those now interred, or who may be hereafter entitled to be  
 “interred therein as herein mentioned; and upon which to  
 “erect a Church or Chapel for divine service according to

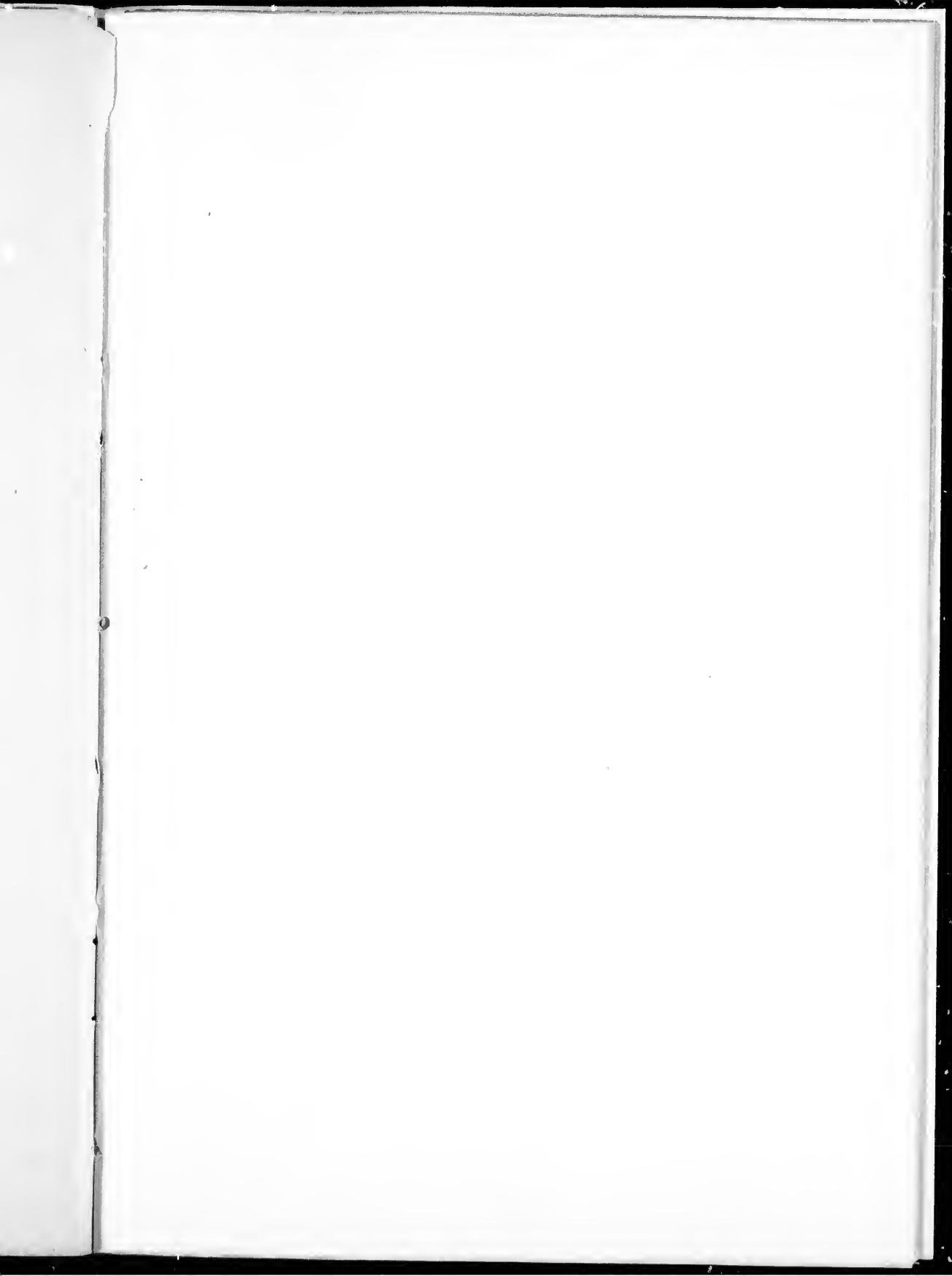
“ the rites and faith of the Established Church of England and  
 “ Ireland, to be called ‘ *St. John’s Church York, on the Humber,*  
 “ and a Parsonage for the use and residence of the Incumbent,  
 “ and for the endowment of the said Church Parsonage, rec-  
 “ tory or living, but excluding all sepulture or right of sepul-  
 “ ture in the said ground, and in every part thereof, to every  
 “ other person or persons whomsoever, not of the blood of the  
 “ said John Denison, or the wives and husbands of such blood  
 “ respectively, as aforesaid, and reserving to the party of the  
 “ first part, and the heir male under the said Will as aforesaid,  
 “ being members of the said Church of England, the full right  
 “ and power, upon the erection of the said Church and Parson-  
 “ age or Rectory, and upon the adequate endowment of the  
 “ same by him, them, or any of them, of presentation to such  
 “ Church, as an advowson in fee presentative, according to  
 “ the rules and canons of the said United Church of Eng-  
 “ land and Ireland, according to the form of the statute in such  
 “ case made and provided. *And whereas* the said party of the  
 “ first part is also desirous to preserve for ever, so far as he can,  
 “ the residue of the said land and premises to the heir male  
 “ under the provisions of the said Will, and the intention of  
 “ the said Testator in that behalf; *And whereas* the party of  
 “ the third part, as such Bishop as aforesaid, hath consented to  
 “ receive a conveyance of that portion of the said land and  
 “ premises herein firstly mentioned, to and for the uses and  
 “ purposes herein expressed of and concerning the same, and  
 “ for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever, and to hold  
 “ the same to him and his successors for such uses and pur-  
 “ poses, and for none other whatsoever, and also to hold the  
 “ residue of the said land and premises for the use and benefit  
 “ of the heir male under the said Will as aforesaid, for ever,  
 “ so far as he can or lawfully may do so :

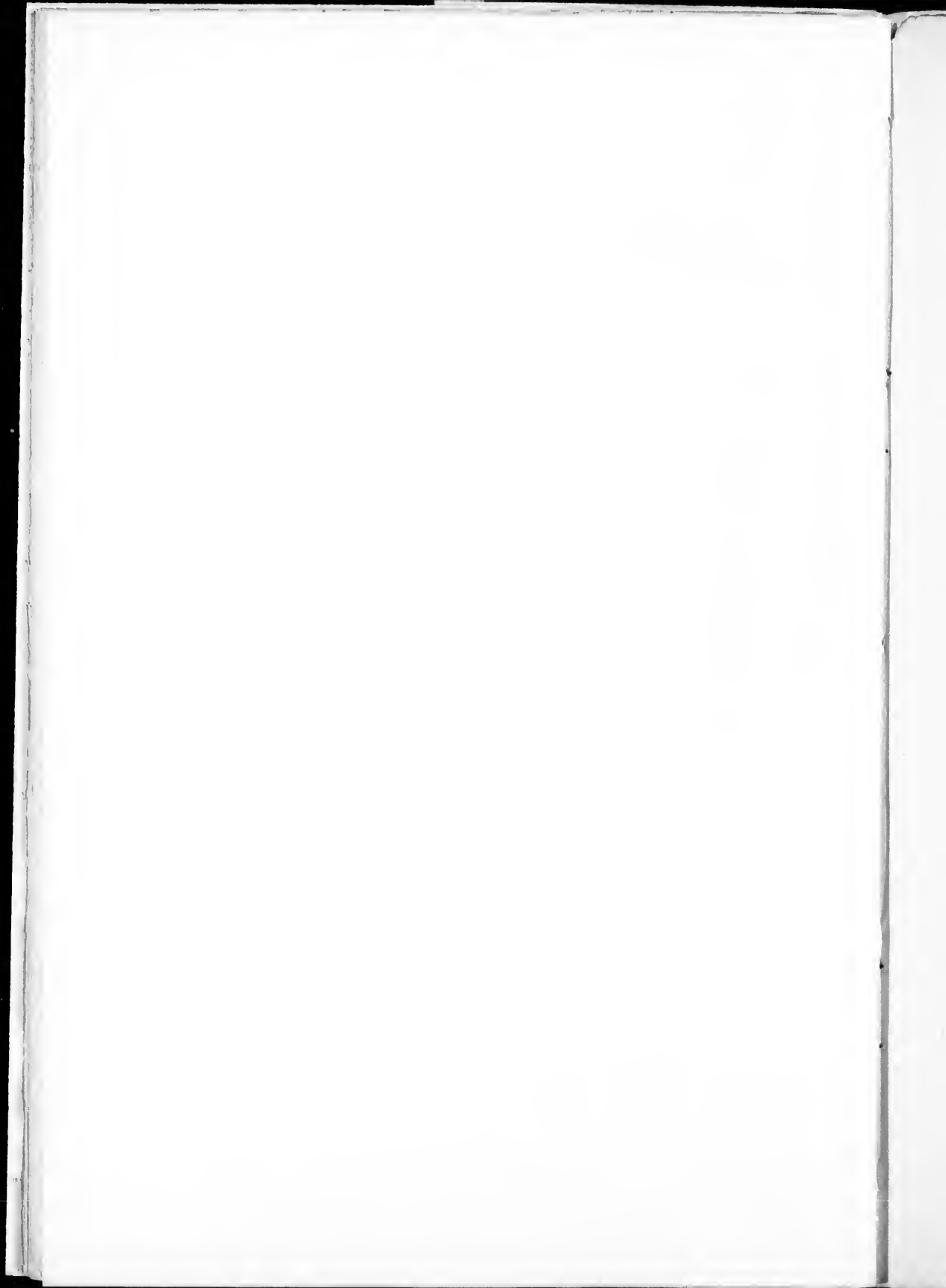
“ *And this Indenture further witnesseth,* That in consideration  
 “ of the premises, and of the sum of one shilling of lawful  
 “ money to the party of the first part, by the party of the  
 “ third part paid, he the said party of the first part doth hereby

“ give, grant, bargain, sell, relase, enfeoff, convey, and confirm,  
 “ unto the party of the third part, as such Bishop as aforesaid,  
 “ and his successors, **All and Singular** that certain parcel of  
 “ the said lot number three, in the fifth concession of York,  
 “ on the River Humber, containing by admeasurement four  
 “ aeres, be the same more or less, and which is butted and  
 “ bounded, or may be otherwise known as follows, that is to  
 “ say, **Commencing** at the distance of one chain south from the  
 “ northerly limit of the said lot, number three, in the said  
 “ fifth concession, and in the southern boundary of the right of  
 “ way, which is one chain in width, laid out along the south  
 “ side of the northerly limit of the said lot number three, and  
 “ at that point in the southern boundary of such right of way  
 “ from which a line drawn southerly at right angles with such  
 “ southern boundary of the said right of way would pass at  
 “ the distance of five feet on the west of the tomb-stone, as  
 “ now erected at the head of the grave of Esther Borden  
 “ Denison in the burial ground where the said John Denison  
 “ and his said wife Sophia are interred; thence southerly fol-  
 “ lowing such line *ten chains*; thence easterly at right angles  
 “ with the last mentioned course *four chains*; thence northerly  
 “ at right angles with the last mentioned course, and also with  
 “ the southern boundary of such right of way *ten chains*, to  
 “ such southern boundary of such right of way; thence westerly  
 “ along such southern boundary of such right of way *four*  
 “ *chains*, to the place of beginning; **And also all and singular**,  
 “ that certain other parcel of the said lot number three, con-  
 “ taining by admeasurement one acre, be the same more or less,  
 “ and which is butted and bounded, or may be otherwise known  
 “ and described as follows, that is to say, **Commencing** in the  
 “ southern boundary of such right of way, at the north-east  
 “ angle of the four aeres, firstly herein described, as and for  
 “ the burial ground; thence easterly along the said southern  
 “ boundary of such right of way *two chains and a half*; thence  
 “ southerly at right angles with the said southern boundary of  
 “ such right of way *four chains*; thence westerly parallel to



“ the said southern boundary of such right of way, and at right  
 “ angles with the last mentioned course, *two chains and a half*  
 “ to the eastern limit of the said four acres firstly herein  
 “ described; thence northerly along such eastern limit *four*  
 “ *chains*, to the place of beginning; And also all and singular,  
 “ that certain other parcel of the said lot number three, con-  
 “ taining by admeasurement five acres, be the same more or  
 “ less, which is butted and bounded, or may be otherwise  
 “ known and described as follows, that is to say, Commencing in  
 “ the southern boundary of such right of way, at the north-  
 “ east angle of the *one acre*, secondly herein described for the  
 “ Church and Parsonage lot; thence southerly along the  
 “ eastern boundary of said one acre *four chains*, to the south-  
 “ east angle of the said one acre; thence westerly along the  
 “ southern boundary of said one acre *two chains and a half*, to  
 “ the easterly limit of the four acres firstly herein described;  
 “ thence southerly along the east limit of the said four  
 “ acres *six chains*, to the south east angle of the said four  
 “ acres, firstly herein described for the burial ground; thence  
 “ easterly parallel to the southern boundary of such right of  
 “ way, and in continuation of the line forming the southern  
 “ boundary of the said four acres, *six chains*; thence northerly  
 “ at right angles with the last mentioned course, *ten chains*  
 “ to the southern boundary of such right of way; thence  
 “ westerly along such southern boundary of such right of way  
 “ *three chains and a half*, to the place of beginning, with the  
 “ appurtenances, together with the right of way at all times  
 “ upon the road now laid out, one chain in width along the  
 “ northerly limit of the said lot number three, and running  
 “ westerly from the Weston Plank Road to the westerly  
 “ extremity of the land above described; To have and to hold  
 “ the same respective parcels of land and premises, with the  
 “ appurtenances, unto the party of the third part, as such  
 “ Bishop as aforesaid, and his successors, to his and their own  
 “ use for ever—~~In trust, nevertheless~~, for the objects, intents and  
 “ purposes herein declared of and concerning the same, that is





“ to say : To have and to hold the said *four acres* of land above  
 “ described as and for a Burial Ground to be called ‘ *St. John’s*  
 “ *Cemetery on the Humber,*’ for the exclusive use and burial  
 “ of those of the blood of the said John Denison, deceased,  
 “ and of the wives and husbands of such blood respectively,  
 “ for ever, with full power at all times to erect all tomb-stones,  
 “ monuments, and other mementoes, and to make and construct  
 “ all such vaults which may be required for the use of all  
 “ those buried or entitled to be interred in the said burial  
 “ ground, and to and for no other use, purpose, person, or  
 “ object whatsoever ; And to have and to hold the said *one acre*  
 “ of land above described for the purpose of erecting, and  
 “ upon which to erect, a Church or Chapel for the celebration  
 “ of divine service according to the rites and faith of the  
 “ united Church of England and Ireland, and also a Parsonage  
 “ house for the use and residence of the Incumbent or Rector  
 “ of the said church for the time being, and to and for no other  
 “ use, purpose, person, or object whatsoever ; And to have and  
 “ to hold the said *five acres* of land above described for the  
 “ endowment of the said Church, Chapel, Parsonage, Rectory,  
 “ and Living, and to and for no other use, purpose, person or  
 “ object whatsoever ; And in trust also that the said one acre of  
 “ land, and the said five acres of land, shall not, nor shall either  
 “ of them, or any portion of them, or of either of them, ever  
 “ be used for a burial ground upon any pretence whatever, nor  
 “ for any other purpose or object than is above expressly  
 “ declared of and concerning the same respectively ; And in  
 “ trust for the party of the first part, and their heir male under  
 “ the said Will as aforesaid, for the time being, at all time to  
 “ come, being the founder of the said Church and endowment,  
 “ and being a member of the said Church of England, upon  
 “ the erection of the said Church, Parsonage and Rectory,  
 “ and upon providing adequately for the endowment of the  
 “ same, to present to such Church, as an ‘ *advowson in fee*  
 “ *presentative,*’ according to the rules and canons of the said  
 “ united Church of England and Ireland, according to the said  
 “ statute in that behalf.

“ And the party of the first part, in consideration of the  
 “ sum of five shillings to him paid by the party of the third  
 “ part, doth also hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey,  
 “ unto the party of the third part, and his successors,  
 “ the residue of the said lot number three, in the fifth  
 “ concession of York aforesaid, with the appurtenances,  
 “ To have and to hold the same unto the said party of the  
 “ third part and his successors, to his and their own  
 “ use for ever, in trust, nevertheless, to and for the party of  
 “ the first part, now the heir male under the said Will as  
 “ aforesaid, and to and for the person who shall for the time  
 “ being be such heir male, and to and for the use of the heir  
 “ male of the said John Denison, deceased, for ever.

“ And the party of the third part, as such Bishop as afore-  
 “ said, for himself and for his successors doth hereby covenant,  
 “ appoint and declare, that the said land herein described,  
 “ granted and conveyed for the exclusive use and burial of  
 “ those of the blood of the said John Denison, deceased, and  
 “ for the wives and husbands of such blood respectively,  
 “ shall be preserved and used for such purpose, with the  
 “ right of making and erecting all tomb-stones, monuments,  
 “ mementoes and vaults as aforesaid, and for none other  
 “ whatsoever; And that the said parcel of land herein  
 “ described, granted and conveyed, for the erection of  
 “ a Church or Chapel thereon, and Parsonage or Rectory  
 “ as aforesaid, shall be used for the purposes aforesaid,  
 “ of and concerning the same, and for no other purpose  
 “ whatsoever; And that the said land herein described,  
 “ granted and conveyed, as an endowment of and for the said  
 “ Church and Parsonage, Rectory and Living, shall be pre-  
 “ served and used for such endowment declared of and con-  
 “ cerning the same, and to and for no other use, purpose or  
 “ object whatsoever; And that the residue of the said lot num-  
 “ ber three, in the fifth concession of York aforesaid, shall be  
 “ held and retained by him the said Bishop and his successors,  
 “ so far as he or they can or lawfully may do so, to and for the

“ use and benefit of the party of the first part, as heir male as  
 “ aforesaid, and to and for the use and benefit of the person  
 “ who for the time being shall be such heir male, and to and  
 “ for the use and benefit of such heir male for ever.

“ And the party of the first part doth hereby, for himself  
 “ and his heirs male, who shall be the heirs male of the said  
 “ John Denison, deceased, and for the heirs male of the said  
 “ John Denison, for ever, *Covenant* with the party of the  
 “ third part and his successors, that he, the party of the first  
 “ part, and all those for whom he covenants as aforesaid, shall  
 “ within a reasonable time after the execution of these pre-  
 “ sents erect and put up a good substantial fence round the  
 “ said four acres of land and premises hereby granted and  
 “ conveyed for the family burial ground as aforesaid, to be  
 “ called ‘*St. John's Cemetery on the Humber*,’ and shall keep  
 “ the same in good repair, with all necessary and reasonable  
 “ repairs at all times hereafter.

“ And the party of the second part doth, in consideration  
 “ of the premises, and of the sum of five shillings of like  
 “ lawful money, to her paid by the party of the third part,  
 “ remise, release, and for ever quit claim unto the party of  
 “ the third part and his successors, all *Dower* and right and  
 “ claim thereto, which she now has or ever had in or to the  
 “ said lot number three, in the fifth concession of York,  
 “ aforesaid, on the Humber, with the appurtenances.

“ In witness whereof the parties to these presents have  
 “ hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first  
 “ above written.

“(Signed)

“ G. T. DENISON, (L.S.)

“ M. P. DENISON, (L.S.)

“ JOHN TORONTO, (L.S.)”

“ Signed, Sealed and delibered in  
 presence of  
 (Signed)  
 GEO. T. DENISON, JUNR.,  
 Of Toronto,  
 Barrister at Law.”

(COPY.)

" A Memorial hereof is recorded in the Registry Office of the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, the 25th day of June, 1853, at 25 min. past 10 a.m., in Liber 58, pages 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458 and 459, No. 49938.

(Signed)

SAML. RIDOUT,

Register."

Some time after the execution and registry of this Deed of Trust, the said George Taylor Denison made his last Will and Testament, dated the 2nd Dec., 1853, in which he confirms the intentions expressed in the foregoing Deed, by the following clause of the Will: " I also give the old farm on the " River Humber, being lot number three, in the fifth concession, " west of Yonge Street, to him the said Richard Lippincott " Denison, after the manner his Grandfather Denison's Will " directs, that is to say, it is to go to the male heir of the " Denison line for ever, and the said heir is to keep and main- " tain a good and sufficient fence around the burial ground " whenever wanted by any of the family. A small portion of " this lot of land I have deeded to the Lord Bishop for Church " purposes, and to secure the Denison burial grounds accord- " ing to my father's wishes."

This clause of the Will coming after the execution of the Deed of Trust to the Bishop and referring to it, is only useful or valuable as evidence of the determined intention of the Testator that the land should never be liable to be diverted from the original purpose intended by his father, the late John Denison, and as a confirmation of the Deed of Trust.

It may be right here to mention that the grand-children of John and Sophia Denison erected, by subscription, a monument to their memory, in the inscription upon which an error has inadvertently been made by the sculptor, to the effect that it was John Denison, the original founder, who afterwards enlarged the burial ground to four acres, instead of his eldest son, the late George Taylor Denison.

On the 26th of May, A.D. 1868, at the request of the family, the Lord Bishop of Toronto attended at the Cemetery in order to consecrate it, and being met at the gate by the descendants of John Denison and their families, the two following petitions were, on behalf of the subscribers to them, read and presented to His Lordship by Mr. Richard L. Denison, the male heir of the family.

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TO THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, ALEXANDER NEIL,  
BY DIVINE PERMISSION LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

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*May it please your Lordship:*

A Petition bearing date September the thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, from the descendants of the late John Denison, Esquire, praying for the consecration of a Family Burial Ground in the Township of York, and County of York, was submitted to John, late Lord Bishop of Toronto. His Lordship was pleased to approve of the same; but having been pleased to assign to your Lordship, while acting as his Coadjutor, the duty of consecrating the burial ground aforesaid, and your Lordship having been unable to discharge this duty in the lifetime of the late Lord Bishop, we the undersigned do now request that, being now Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, you would be pleased to accede to the prayer of this Petition.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

(Signed,)

RICD. L. DENISON,  
GEO. T. DENISON,  
ROBT. B. DENISON.



(COPY.)

TO THE HONORABLE AND RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD,  
JOHN, BY DIVINE PERMISSION LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

The Petition of Richard Lippincott Denison, George Taylor Denison, Robert Brittain Denison and others, all being descendants of the blood of the late John Denison, Esquire, formerly of the Town of York, deceased,

*Most respectfully represents :*

That the late George Taylor Denison, Esquire, deceased, formerly of Bellevue, in the City of Toronto, the eldest son of the said late John Denison, deceased, for the purpose of carrying out the design of the late John Denison, deceased, his father, who originally set apart a Family Burial Ground on the Humber, did by Deed, bearing date the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, made between the said late George Taylor Denison, of the first part, Maria Priscilla, his wife, of the second part, and yourself of the third part, convey and assure, amongst other lands, four acres of land, being part of lot number three, in the fifth concession of the Township of York, west of Yonge Street, on the River Humber, unto you as Bishop of Toronto, and your successors, *in trust*, to have and to hold the said four acres of land as therein more particularly described "as and for a Burial Ground to be called '*St. John's Cemetery on the Humber*,' for the exclusive use and burial of "those of the blood of the said John Denison, deceased, and "their wives and husbands respectively, for ever, with full "power at all times to erect all tomb-stones, monuments, and "other mementoes, and to make and construct all such vaults "which may be required for the use of all those buried or "entitled to be interred in the said burial ground, and to and "for no other use, purpose, person, or object whatsoever," by virtue of which Deed of Trust the said four acres are separated from all common and profane uses whatsoever, the same

being now protected by a substantial fence to secure it from all improper intrusion.

This Ground Your Petitioners most humbly pray that your Lordship will set apart and consecrate for the sacred purpose of a Cemetery, for the burial of those of the blood of the late John Denison, deceased, and their wives and husbands respectively, in order that it may be ever secured to the benefit of those for whom it was thus intended.

As witness our hands at Toronto, this thirteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

(Signed)

RICH. L. DENISON,	LILLA DENISON,
GEORGE T. DENISON,	FRED. C. DENISON,
ROBERT B. DENISON,	CLARENCE A. DENISON,
E. P. DENISON,	JOHN DENISON,
R. L. DENISON, JUNR.,	HENRY T. DENISON,
CHARLES DENISON,	JOHN L. DENISON,
P. G. DENISON,	THOMAS JOHN DENISON,
GEO. T. DENISON, JR.,	MARIA LOUSIA DE LA HOOKE,
C. W. TAYLOR,	J. ACLAND DE LA HOOKE,
MARIA TAYLOR,	EDWIN DILLON ALEXANDER
ALBERT G. TAYLOR,	DE LA HOOKE,
E. S. TAYLOR,	THOMAS DENISON ANLEY DE
A. G. D. TAYLOR,	LA HOOKE.
HETTIE B. DENISON,	

After hearing these two petitions read, the Bishop then and there declared that he would grant their prayers, and proceeded at once to the consecration of the *four acres*, called "*St. John's Cemetery on the Humber*," in due form, and then and there executed and delivered the following sentence of consecration to the Petitioners by handing the same to R. L. Denison, immediately upon the ceremony of consecration being ended.

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*In the name of God, Amen.*

WHEREAS it has been represented to us, Alexander Neil, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Toronto, by a Petition under the hands of Richard L. Denison, George T. Denison, Robert B. Denison, and others, descendants of the late John Denison, Esquire, setting forth that a parcel of land for a Burial Ground for the use of the said petitioners, and their descendants for ever, has been set apart and legally conveyed for that purpose, consisting of four acres on lot number three, in the fifth concession, of the Township of York, and praying that we would be pleased by our authority, ordinary and episcopal, to set apart, separate and consecrate the said burial ground to the same purpose for which it was designed, in order that it may for ever be secured for this end to the said petitioners and their descendants :

Wherefore, in compliance with the said Petition we, Alexander Neil, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Toronto, do by our authority, ordinary and episcopal, and as far as in us lies, and by law we can, separate and set apart from all common and profane uses whatever, and do as far as in us lies, and by law we can, assign the said burial ground for the use and benefit of the said petitioners and their descendants ; and we do dedicate and consecrate the same for the sacred purpose for which it was designed, and do publicly and openly pronounce, decree, and declare the same to be so assigned, separated, dedicated, and consecrated for ever ; and that the same ought so to remain by this my definite sentence and final decree, which we read and promulge by these presents.

Given under our hand this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and of our consecration the second year.

(Signed)

A. N. TORONTO.

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