

George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Brittain and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and of the United Churc of England and Ireland on Earth the Supreme Head -  
To all to whom these Present Letters shall come -- Greeting.

Whereas by an Act of our General Assembly of our Province of Nova Scotia made and passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of Our Reign entitled an Act founding, establishing and maintaining an Academy at Pictou in our said Province it is recited and enacted in the words following- "Whereas Edward Mortimer, Duncan Ross, Thomas McCulloch, John Patterson, Thomas Davison, George Smith, John McLean, Junior, Alexander Grant, Robert Lowden, James McGregor and others have agreed to pay and contribute divers sums of money for the purpose of founding establishing and maintaining an Academy in the District of Pictou. And whereas the said Edward Mortimer, Duncan Ross, Thomas McCulloch, John Patterson, Thomas Davison, George Smith, John McLean Junior, Alexander Grant, Robert Lowden and James McGregor and other persons who have agreed to pay and contribute divers sums of money for the purpose aforesaid are Presbyterians, and a great majority of the Inhabitants of the District of Pictou are either emigrants from Scotland or are descendants of Emigrants from Scotland where the Presbyterian Religion prevails and the said Inhabitants of the District of Pictou or a great majority of them do now profess the Presbyterian Religion and are desirous of educating their children therein.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor Council, and assembly: That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by Letters Patent under the great Seal of the Province to incorporate Edward Mortimer, Duncan Ross, Thomas McCulloch, Thomas Davison, ~~and also Archibald Gray~~ George Smith, Robert Lowden, William Patrick, and James McGregor of Pictou aforesaid and also Archibald Gray and James Robson, Ministers of the Presbyterian congregations at Halifax and Samuel George William Archibald of Truro in the District of Colchester and James Foreman of Halifax in this Province to be one Body politic, and corporate in deed and in name and have succession in manner as shall be herein after mentioned and provided for by the name of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy and that by the same name they shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal to be appointed by themselves. And also to sue and be

sued implead and be impleaded in all Courts and places within the Province of Nova Scotia; and that they or the major part of them, shall have power from time to time to choose from among themselves their President, Vice President, and other officers, as by said Letters Patent shall be directed: and to make bye Laws and ordinances for the regulation and general management of the said Academy: and to assemble together with in the said District of Pictou when and where and as often and upon such notice as to them shall seem meet for the Execution of their trust; and shall also have full power and capacity to purchase, receive, take, hold and enjoy for the use and Benefit of the said Academy as well Legacies, Goods and Chattels, as Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments notwithstanding any statute or statutes of Mortmain. Provided always that the lands and tenements so to be purchased, received, taken, held, and enjoyed as afore said are situate within the said District of Pictou and do not exceed the Yearly value of Two Thousand pounds Sterling.

And be it further enacted that the said Edward Mortimer, Duncan Ross, Thomas McCulloch, Thomas Davison, George Smith, Robert Lowden, William Patrick, James McGregor, Archibald Gray, James Robson, Samuel George William Archibald, and James Foreman shall present themselves at the Supreme Court which shall be held at Halifax or Colchester or before one of the Judges of the said Court after the said Letters Patent shall have passed the great seal of the Province, and each of them shall before the said Court in any one of the Judges thereof, declare that he is a member of the Church of England as by Law established or make and subscribe the following declaration:

I A.B. appointed one of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy do declare that I do profess the Presbyterian Religion as the same is declared in the "Westminster Confession of Faith".

And be it further enacted that the said Edward Mortimer, Duncan Ross, Thomas McCulloch, Thomas Davison, George Smith, Robert Lowden, William Patrick, James McGregor, Archibald Gray, James Robson, Samuel George William Archibald, and James Foreman, from and after the time of receiving the Letters Patent and making the declarations aforesaid and not before shall be, and continue to be Trustees if the said Pictou Academy so long as they profess the Religion of the Church of England as by Law established in the Presbyterian Religion and no longer: and that each and every of the said Trustees, shall repeat and subscribe the

declaration herein before recited, in the Supreme Court or before one of the Judges of the said Court, once at least in every three years.

And be it further enacted: In case any of the said Trustees shall die or shall fail to make the said declaration once in three years, that from and after the time of the death of any one of the said trustees, from and after the time when any of the said Trustees shall have neglected for three years to make the said Declaration, it shall and may be lawful for any three or more of the said Trustees to call a meeting of the said Trustees, at Pictou in the said District, and if the said meeting shall be attended by seven of the said Trustees, then the said Trustees or the major part of them so assembled may proceed to elect such person or persons of the Religion of the Church of England, or the Presbyterian Religion as they may think fit and proper to be a Trustee or Trustees in the place of the person or persons who have died or have failed to make the said Declaration and the said Trustees shall forthwith transmit to the Governor or Commander in Chief, a certificate, signed by the major part of the Trustees present at the said meeting, in the words following:

We A.B. do certify that a meeting of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy was held at Pictou aforesaid on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and the following members were present at the said meeting: VIZ. A.B.C.D.E.F.

And we further certify: That at the said meeting \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly elected a Trustee of the Pictou Academy in the place of C.D. deceased or removed, or of C.D. who has failed to make the Declaration.

And we do further certify that the said A/B. profess the Religion of the Church of England, or the Presbyterian Religion and that he is a person of good moral conduct. and is well affected towards His Majesty's Person and Government; and if the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being shall approve of the election of the person named in the said certificate he shall indorse his approbation thereon and return the same to the said Trustees; and the person or persons so elected shall on receiving the said certificate and on making the declaration prescribed and directed by this Act in the Supreme Court and not before, be qualified to act as a Trustee or Trustees of the Pictou Academy; but if the Governor or Commander in Chief shall not approve of the person so elected then the said Trustees shall proceed to elect such person or persons, as the Governor or Commander in Chief may and shall approve of.-

And be it further enacted, if it shall so happen in consequence of the death or absence of any of the said Trustees, that seven of the said Trustees cannot be assembled to make such election it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander in Chief upon the application of the remaining Trustees to nominate and appoint such person or persons of the Religion of the Church of England or the Presbyterian Religion as he may think proper to be a Trustee or Trustees of the said Pictou Academy in the place of the person or persons who may have died or removed or neglected to make the said Declaration--

And be it further enacted that all and every person or persons who shall be appointed a Pastor or Teacher or Pastors or Teachers in the said Academy, or who shall hold any office under the said Trustees shall make and subscribe the Declaration in the Supreme Court herein before directed to be made and subscribed by the Trustees of the said Academy, and shall repeat the name of the Supreme Court as often as the Trustees are herein directed and to repeat the said Declaration PROVIDED ALWAYS that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to the Scholar or Pupils who may be placed at, or sent to, the said Academy, to be educated therein-

And be it further enacted that the Trustees of the said Academy shall transmit a copy of all Bye Laws, which shall or may be enacted by them or the major part of them, to Governor or Commander in Chief, within one month after the making or enacting the same, and if the Governor or Commander in Chief shall express his dissent to the said bye-laws at any time within twelve months after the same shall have been transmitted to him, then the said bye-laws shall be deemed and considered as totally abrogated and repealed.

And be it further enacted that it shall not be lawful for the Trustees of the said Academy to purchase, receive, take, hold or enjoy any lands or tenements that do not lie within the said District of Pictou and that it shall not be lawful for them to purchase, receive, take, hold or enjoy any lands or tenements within the said district beyond the Yearly Value of Two Thousand Pounds, Sterling.

And be it further enacted that nothing herein contained shall be of any force or effect until His Majesty's pleasure known herein; nor unless the said Academy shall be opened and established for the

Education of Youth, within ten Years after His Majesty shall have approved thereof."

And having duly considered the said act so passed by Our said General Assembly WE have thereto given Our Royal assent and approbation in due form of Law. And Our said General Assembly having afterwards deemed it expedient to repeal and alter part of the said herein before recited Act, did in a Session of General Assembly held at Halifax in our said province in the Fifty-ninth year of our Reign, make and pass another Act or statute entitled an Act to repeal and alter part of an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of Our Reign entitled an Act for founding, establishing and maintaining an Academy at Pictou in this Province whereby it is recited and enacted that each of the Trustees of the said Academy shall appear before one of the judges of the Supreme Court and declare that he is a Member of the Church of England as by Law established or make and subscribe the following Declaration: I A.B. appointed one of the Trustees of Pictou Academy do declare that I do profess the Presbyterian Religion as the same is declared in the Westminster Confession of Faith.- And whereas it is expedient that the said restrictions be removed; be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor Council and Assembly that the second section of the said Act and every other part and clause thereof by which the Trustees are required to make the foregoing declaration and subscription be and the same are hereby repealed. And be it also enacted that it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to be appointed or elected, and to act as Trustees of the said Academy who shall take or subscribe either of the following declarations VIZ--

I A.B. appointed one of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy do declare that I do profess the Christian Religion according to the principles and forms of the Church of England or I A.B. appointed one of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy do declare that I do profess the Christian Religion according to the Presbyterian principles and forms of the Church of Scotland, as in and by the said herein before recited Statutes reference being thereto had will more fully appear. And We having also after due consideration of the said last mentioned Act given thereto "Our Royal assent and approbation in due form: And the persons named in the said first recited Act having signified to our Trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable George Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie of Dalhousie Castle Knight Grand Cross of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath Lieu

General in our Army, and our Captain General and Governor in Chief in our Province of Nova Scotia and all other Our Provinces and Colonies in North America. That it was their wish and desire to be incorporated and created a body politic and corporate for the several ends and purposes in and by the said first before recited Act declared and expressed. And they having by their humble petition prayed and beseeched us to cause Our Letters patent under the Great Seal of Our Province of Nova Scotia to issue accordingly: and We being willing and desiring to encourage Our loving and faithful subjects in that part of our said province provide for the instruction and education of their children in Religion and Learning according to the most improved methods and Rules, pursued and followed in the Academies and Schools, established in that part of our United Kingdom called Scotland.

Now know ye that we of Our Special Grace, certain knowledge and mere motion and by virtue of the powers and authorities in the said Acts provided and declared have willed, ordained and constituted give, granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do will, ordain, constitute, give, grant, and confirm the above named Edward Mortimer, Duncan Ross, Thomas McCulloch, Thomas Devison, George Smith, Robert Lowden, William Patrick, and James McGregor, of Pictou aforesaid. Archibald Gray and James Robson ministers of the Presbyterian congregation at Halifax, And Samuel George William Archibald of Truro in the district of Colchester and James Forman of Halifax in our said province to be one Body politic and corporate in deed and in name and to have succession forever in manner as in and by the said Acts are provided as a Body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy. And the said several persons above named and all and every other person and persons to be hereafter duly elected, approved and chosen as Trustees pursuant to the direction of the said Acts, and their successors are by these presents created forever hereafter one Body politic and corporate in deed and in name, and by that name shall have succession forever as is provided in and by the said Acts, and by that name shall be able in Law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all Courts and places before US, Our Heirs and successors and elsewhere in all and all manner of action and actions, suits, complaints, Plead causes, Matters and Demands whatever, and of what kind and nature soever in as full and

ample manner and form as any of our leige Subjects being persons able and capable in Laws can or may sue and be sued, implead or be impleaded answer and be answered unto defend and be defended by any lawful ways or means whatever in all Courts of Law or Equity; and also with power in their said corporate capacity to have, and use a common Seal, for sealing all and singular Deeds conveyances, Bonds, Contracts, agræments, covenants, powers releases and assignments; and all and singular other their affairs, touching and concerning the said corporation and the same to change and alter when and so often as we do also by these presents for us and our successors give, grant, and confirm unto the said persons hereby incorporated as Trustees aforesaid and to all others who may according to the provisions of the said Act or Statutes here after become members of the said corporation full power and lawful authority to meet and assemble themselves together at such places within the District of Pictou and upon such notice and at such times as they shall deem expedient. And as such several days and times of meeting shall have, enjoy and possess full power, authority and license to frame, make, constitute and establish (according to the provisions ~~for~~ these purposes, in the said Acts mentioned and declared) Such Bye Laws, rules and ordinances as to them or the majority of them shall seem to be good, useful or necessary for the wile, Education and instruction of Youth in Religion and Learning and for the regulation and general management of the said Academy and the Business thereof and also for the appointment, regulation, and management of Masters and Teachers, and all and singular the officers, and persons needful and necessary for the said Establishment and for the regulation and management of the Estates, Real and personal belonging or hereafter to belong to the said corporation and generally to do and transact all other matters, touching or concerning the said corporation. And the said Bye Laws, rules and ordinances in like manner at any of the said meetings. And to carry such Bye Laws, Rules and ordinances into Effect when the same shall have received the assent and approbation of Our Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being in our said Province and afterwards to annul, revoke, repeal, or amend the same in such manner as to the members or the greater part of them, with the consent of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief seems right or expedient. And we do hereby for US, our heirs, and successors will and ordain that all and

singular the Byelaws, Rules and ordinances so as aforesaid made; and which from time to time shall be in force, shall be binding and obligatory upon the said Corporation and all the members thereof and upon all others serving under the authority and appointment of such corporation.

PROVIDED such Bye Laws, Rules and Ordinance are not contrary to the Common Law of Our Kingdom of England or the Statute Law of this our Province of Nova Scotia. And we do moreover for Us, our heirs and successors will ordain, give and grant to the several persons who from time to time shall be members of the said Corporate Body at any of their meetings, and from time to time as they shall deem it expedient to elect and choose pursuant to the Bye Laws so made as aforesaid. One President, one Vice President and such other officers, as they or the majority of them at any such meeting shall deem necessary and the same from time to time to re-elect when, and so often as occasion may require. And also from time to time to elect such trustee and trustees as may be deemed necessary in manner and pursuant to the directions of the said recited Act.

And We do hereby will and ordain that the President, Vice President and other officers so elected as aforesaid shall from time to time and at all times exercise, possess and enjoy the rights, powers, and authorities by virtue of the Bye Laws aforesaid appertaining to the said officers respectively. And we do further will and ordain that the said Corporation shall have full power and capacity to purchase, receive, take, hold and enjoy for the use and benefit of the said Academy as well legacies, Goods, and Chattels as lands, tenements, and hereditaments notwithstanding any Statutes of Mortmain, and to dispose of and sell such goods and chattels; with power from time to time to receive the rents, and profits of all such lands and tenements, but not to sell, lease alien or convey the same for any longer space, term or time than twenty years pursuant to the Bye-Laws aforesaid. PROVIDED ALWAYS that the lands and tenements to be so purchase received, taken held and enjoyed as aforesaid and situated within the said District of Pictou and do not exceed the yearly value of Two Thousand pounds Sterling. And PROVIDED also, and We do hereby for us our heirs and successors will and declare that these our present Letters, and the powers privileges, and immunities herein and hereby granted and conveyed, are upon, under and subject to the same conditions, Provisions and limitations as in and by the before recited Acts are made, provided and declared, and that for want of compliance or performance of the said conditions, provis

and limitations by the said corporation these presents shall be and become wholly void and determine to all intents and purposes whatsoever. And we will and by these presents grant and declare that these letters when made patent or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall and may be good