

*St. James's Palace, April 16, 1834.*

THIS day His Grace the Duke of Wellington, Chancellor of the University of Oxford; the Rev. Dr. Rowley, Master of University College, Vice Chancellor of the University; the Rev. Dr. Jenkyns, Master of Balliol College; the Rev. Dr. Gilbert, Principal of Brasenose College; the Rev. Dr. Fox, Provost of Queen's College; the Rev. Dr. Cardwell, Principal of St. Alban Hall; Dr. Marsham, Warden of Merton College; Dr. Kidd, Regius Professor of Medicine, Christ Church; Dr. Ogle, Aldrichian Professor of Medicine, Trinity College; Dr. Bliss, Registrar of the University, St. John's College; Mr. Dyer, Trinity College, the Senior Proctor; Mr. Harding, Wadham College, the Junior Proctor; Mr. Dodd, Fellow of Queen's College; Mr. Lightfoot, Fellow of Exeter College; Mr. Short, Student of Christ Church; and Mr. Walker, of Wadham College; waited upon His Majesty to present to His Majesty the following Petition, which His Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford,

*Sheweth,*

THAT your Majesty's Petitioners have been informed that the council of a literary and scientific Institution, lately founded in London, have renewed their solicitation for a charter of incorporation, under the title of the University of London.

That on the occasion of a similar application formerly made, the insertion of certain clauses was suggested, restricting the said institution from conferring degrees in arts and theology bearing the same names and titles with those conferred by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—and likewise providing that no graduate of such institution should be enabled to practice in the Ecclesiastical Courts, or enjoy sundry other privileges now appertaining to graduates of the existing universities.

Your Majesty's Petitioners, however, have since been advised, that a body incorporated under such title may thereby be enabled to confer degrees in the manner of the ancient universities, notwithstanding any prohibitory clauses whatsoever.

Under these circumstances, your Petitioners venture dutifully to represent to your Majesty,

That the existing universities studiously educate the youth entrusted to their care in the principles of Christianity, after the doctrines and discipline of the Church of England; and that, accordingly, their degrees in arts and civil law, as well as in theology, have been recognised as qualifications for many offices, both ecclesiastical and civil.

That your Majesty's Petitioners anticipate with alarm serious injury to numerous ancient institutions of the land, and much consequent evil to the public, if similar privileges shall be conferred by a Royal grant, either expressly or by implication, upon a society disavowing all connexion with the Established Church, and educating its members in no system of religion whatever.

That your petitioners by no means desire that an institution, formed for the promotion of literature

and science, should be restricted from bestowing suitable marks of distinction on its members; but they at the same time, with all humility, submit, that such marks of distinction in the faculties of arts and civil law as well as of theology, should not bear the same titles as those which, for a long series of years, have been conferred by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Your Petitioners, therefore, earnestly implore your Majesty to take these matters into your Majesty's most gracious consideration, and to withhold your Royal sanction from a charter, in its proposed form, fraught with danger to principles and establishments, which, under the blessing of God, have essentially contributed to the welfare and happiness of our country.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Given at our House of Convocation, under our Common Seal, this 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord 1834.

To which Petition His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

"I am very sensible that the subject of your petition is of great importance, as well to your University as to the general interests of learning throughout My dominions.

"I have referred the petitions which have been already presented to Me in this matter to a Committee of My Privy Council, and I shall pursue the same course with your petition, in order that I may receive their advice, after the fullest enquiry, and upon the most mature deliberation."

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THIS day the following Address and Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, was presented to His Majesty, which Address and Petition His Majesty was pleased to receive on the Throne:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble, loyal, and dutiful Address and Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, humbly approach your Majesty with the liveliest sentiments of gratitude and devotion for the beneficent measures of reform and improvement in the institutions of the country, which have so eminently characterized your Majesty's reign, and impressed with a conviction, that the sound education of the people is essential to the public prosperity, and the maintenance of good government upon the most solid foundations, humbly crave your Majesty's most gracious favour in the extension of the benefits of academical education to this metropolis.

We humbly represent to your Majesty, that your