

**King's College, New York, and King's College, Windsor:
Their Connection in Fact and Legend**

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Introduction

This paper is part of a larger project, “University of King’s College and Slavery: a Scholarly Inquiry,” initiated in December, 2017, by President William Lahey. The need for such a paper stems from the investigations of Professor Eric Foner and his students at Columbia University into the question of the ties between King’s College, New York, and slavery. In Professor Foner’s words, “ From the outset slavery was intertwined with the life of [King’s College, New York].”¹ This conclusion bears upon the history of the University of King’s College because of the claim, in the words of President Lahey, that King’s “... has made since the 1980s to be a successor institution to King’s College in New York.”²

If King’s College, Nova Scotia, founded in 1789, is in fact connected to its New York namesake, the question arises as to whether it can be regarded as implicated either directly or indirectly in this history of slavery uncovered by Professor Foner. An answer requires an investigation as to whether any historical connection actually existed between the two institutions. If, as I argue in this paper, the supposed relationship between the two King’s is a myth, a further question appears. How did a belief in this myth emerge at the University of King’s College? ³ This I also attempt to explain.

It is important to note at the outset that my paper is limited to dealing with the two questions outlined above. I do not examine either the direct or indirect links between the University of King’s College and slavery, subjects which are at the heart of the Scholarly Inquiry initiated by President Lahey. They will be considered by Dr. Shirley Tillotson, Dr. Karolyn Smardz Frost and Mr. David States.⁴ My paper should be considered as a ground-clearing exercise for their research by removing any confusion stemming from the supposed relationship between King’s College New York and King’s College Windsor.

1. King's College, New York

King's College, New York, founded in 1754 as the fifth college in the pre-Revolutionary thirteen colonies, was controlled by the Church of England, but that control from the beginning was contested by other denominations.⁵ It is estimated that less than one-seventh of the churches in the rapidly expanding colony of New York were Anglican. From 1749 to 1756, New York's population grew from 73,000 to 100,000; by 1790, it had reached 340,000.⁶ The dynamism of the colony was expressed most completely in the city of New York itself, which was on a trajectory to become the dominant commercial centre in North America. By 1760, it had a population of 18,000, nearly double its population in the 1740s. In 1785, despite the ravages of war and the departure of the Loyalists, it stood at 24,000 and was growing fast.⁷

The origin of King's College, New York, lay in the approval by the New York House of Assembly in 1745 of a lottery to fund a college. In 1751, the Assembly appointed a ten-person lottery commission to administer the funds raised. The trustees of the commission, seven of whom were Anglican, decided to build the college on a six-acre piece of land on the western side of Manhattan offered by Trinity Church the following year.⁸ This donation was conditional upon the college's president being an Anglican and the Anglican liturgy being used for services.

Accordingly, the trustees invited the Reverend Samuel Johnson (1696-1772), Rector of Stamford, Connecticut, to be the first president.⁹ Johnson was perhaps the most distinguished Anglican clergyman in America. A graduate of Yale and originally a Congregationalist, Johnson corresponded with such luminaries as Benjamin Franklin and the philosopher George Berkeley. He had been awarded a D.D. by Oxford in 1748 for his book *Elementa Philosophica*, which was published on both sides of the Atlantic.¹⁰

The creation of an Anglican institution led to the "King's College controversy," which David Humphrey explored in *From King's College to Columbia*. It was fuelled by Presbyterian opposition to an Anglican college in receipt of public funds. Although the merchants of New York City tended to be Anglican, the landed interest in the colony was heavily Presbyterian, a powerful and wealthy denomination that had founded the College of New Jersey (Princeton) in 1746.¹¹ The Presbyterian attack on an Anglican college was led by William Livingston, a New York lawyer, forceful polemicist and member of a leading landed family. It formed part of a

broad assault on Anglican pretensions to be the established church in New York, which rested on the shaky foundation of the *Ministry Act* of 1693. This provided public funding for six Anglican clergymen in four of New York's counties, and was interpreted by the Anglican governor and council as the basis for an Anglican Establishment.¹² Livingston and his allies wanted a non-denominational college free from religious teaching, established not by a charter issued by the Anglican governor and council but through an act of the Assembly, which would control the appointment of trustees and staff, including the president.¹³

The Presbyterians did not get their way, for in 1754, Governor James De Lancey granted a royal charter to King's in the name of George II.¹⁴ Although Anglicans dominated the college's large board of forty-one members, it initially included, apart from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the president, only one Anglican clergyman (the rector of Trinity Church), and *ex officio* the senior ministers of the Dutch Reformed, Presbyterian, Lutheran and French churches in the city.¹⁵ There were no religious tests for faculty or governors. The charter also contained a clause guaranteeing "Equal liberty and Advantage of Education" to students "of any Religious Denomination."¹⁶ Furthermore, the new president, Samuel Johnson, gave assurances that not only could students choose their place of worship on Sundays but that he would not "impose on the scholars the peculiar tenets of any particular set of Christians."¹⁷ From the religious point of view, according to Johnson, the aim of the college would be "to inculcate upon their tender minds, the great principles of Christianity and morality in which true Christians of each denomination are generally agreed."¹⁸ Protestants of all denominations could serve as governors, but Roman Catholics and Jews were excluded by an oath provision.¹⁹

None of this detracted from the reality that by the terms of the charter and the conditions of the grant of land from Trinity Church, daily worship was conducted according to the Anglican liturgy.²⁰ Until 1776, of the fifty-nine individuals who served as board members, all were Anglican except for the *ex officio* clerical representatives and a handful of members of the Dutch Reformed Church.²¹ The Presbyterians, for their part, refused to participate.²² More than half of the governors were merchants or merchant-landowners; twenty per cent were lawyers and sixteen per cent clergymen, whose numbers increased through co-optation as governors retired.²³ Board members associated with Trinity Church *de facto* controlled the college, the most influential

being the Reverend Samuel Auchmuty, rector from 1764-77, who from 1759 to 1776 appears not to have missed a meeting.²⁴ After 1770, he could rely on the unwavering support of his assistant at Trinity, the Reverend Charles Inglis, who served as acting president from 1771-72. Auchmuty was instrumental in engineering the replacement of president Johnson by the Reverend Myles Cooper (1735-85) in 1763.²⁵

The upshot of this total Anglican domination was low enrolment. Robert A. McCaughey has succeeded in identifying the religion of 168 of the 226 students who enrolled in King's between 1754 and its closing in 1776. Of these, ninety-seven per cent were Anglican or Dutch Reformed (163), three were Presbyterian, one Moravian and one Jewish.²⁶ One-half (113) of those enrolled stayed to graduation.²⁷ More than a third of the students were children of merchants. In the words of Craig Steven Wilder, "King's was a merchants' college. In its first two decades it enrolled nearly ninety sons of the commercial class, more children of Atlantic traders than any other college in British North America."²⁸ However, many chose not to follow their fathers' occupations but rather to use their education to pursue the law.²⁹ Fewer than twenty (eleven per cent), or about one per class, entered the priesthood.³⁰ Most of the students were drawn from a small group of perhaps thirty Anglican and Dutch Reformed families, many of which were drifting towards Anglicanism.³¹ With Congregationalist Yale as well as the College of New Jersey only fifty miles from New York City, non-Anglicans had alternatives to attending King's. After 1766, with the founding of Queen's College (Rutgers) by the Dutch Reformed communion, King's also faced competition for students from New York's shrinking Dutch community.³²

King's was fortunate in being the richest college in the thirteen colonies, the beneficiary of lotteries, land grants and, notably, in 1758, a bequest of £8,000 from a Trinity parishioner and college governor Paul Murray, the biggest such gift in colonial America.³³ King's also benefited from fund-raising in England, which yielded £6,000; in addition, it received large grants of land in upstate New York. The College nevertheless suffered from chronic financial difficulties and charged fees that were twice those of the College of New Jersey (Princeton) and half again the tuition at Harvard.³⁴

Under its first president, the curriculum was relatively progressive. Samuel Johnson was

interested in science and mathematics. In 1762, after the death of his first appointment in these subjects from consumption, Johnson hired a Scottish Presbyterian and graduate of Glasgow, Robert Harpur, as professor of mathematics and natural philosophy.³⁵ Generally, apart from the medical school that was created in 1767, the college had no more than three professors at a time and often only two.³⁶ Greek and Latin were emphasized in the first years of study; Johnson taught metaphysics to juniors and moral philosophy to senior students.³⁷ However, Johnson's age (58) when he became president and his prolonged absences meant that King's lacked effective leadership.³⁸ A major achievement during his presidency, however, was the construction of the college building (1756-60), an impressive three storey stone edifice 130 feet long, whose design was later to influence that developed by Charles Inglis for King's College in Windsor, constructed between 1791-94.³⁹

Johnson's successor, the Reverend Myles Cooper, a graduate of Queen's College, Oxford, had come to King's in 1762 as professor of moral philosophy. A convivial bachelor, with a wine cellar reputed to be the best in the colonies, he lacked his predecessor's intellectual interests and attainments. After his death, the *Gentlemen's Magazine* commented: "It may deserve mention that Cooper's estate included his library, valued at five pounds sterling, [and] his wine cellar, valued at 150."⁴⁰ He had little interest in science, devoting himself to making the King's curriculum resemble that of Oxford as closely as possible, with a focus upon Latin and Greek grammar, classics, logic, metaphysics and ethics. In the words of David C. Humphrey, "Cooper revered Oxford, and it was the only university he knew. He saw no reason why an infant college in the wilderness should not bow to the traditions of England's greatest educational institution."⁴¹ As at Oxford, students were required under Cooper's leadership to eat and live in the college. Discipline was tightened and the college was surrounded by an eight-foot-tall fence with nails on top.⁴²

Cooper, like his predecessor Johnson, campaigned with Thomas Bradbury Chandler, Charles Inglis and other Anglican divines for the establishment of an American episcopate, which was strongly resisted by dissenters, who were successful in thwarting their hopes.⁴³ New York's Anglicans generally supported Great Britain before and during the American Revolution. Both Cooper and Inglis wrote Loyalist pamphlets. Cooper also produced a thirty-four-page poem, "The

Patriots of North America: A Sketch” (1775), attacking “... This vagrant Crew / Whose wretched Jargon, crude and new / Whose Impudence and Lies delude / The harmless ign’rant Multitude.”⁴⁴ Cooper’s opinions, if not his execrable verse, led to an attack on the college in May, 1775, by a mob intent on capturing him. He was guided to safety by a “divine boy,” who was, according to legend, Alexander Hamilton. Cooper took refuge in a warship in New York harbour before sailing to England two weeks later, never to return to America.⁴⁵

Unlike Cooper, Inglis did not run away. He became a powerful advocate of the Loyalist cause with a number of printed sermons and pamphlets, notably *The Deceiver Unmasked, or Loyalty and Interest United: In Answer to a Pamphlet Entitled Common Sense* (1776), reprinted as *The True Interest of America Impartially Stated*.⁴⁶ Professor Philip Gould regards this work as “perhaps the most effective Loyalist response to *Common Sense*.”⁴⁷ Upon the death in 1777 of the Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, Inglis became Rector of Trinity. On October 22, 1779, the New York Legislature passed an act of attainder finding him, his wife and 57 others guilty of treason and their property marked for confiscation.⁴⁸ Under the terms of the act they were also convicted of felony and sentenced to death if located in territory held by the Patriots.⁴⁹ After the peace agreement signed in December 1782 reached New York the following March, Inglis wrote to a parishioner and influential Patriot, James Duane, indicating that he was open to remaining in the new republic as he no longer owed allegiance to the Crown: “I am henceforth at full Liberty to transfer it to that State where Providence may place me.”⁵⁰ However, an attempt to overturn the 1779 act of attainder proved unsuccessful, and it is likely that Duane advised him to leave.⁵¹ He remained in New York until the late autumn, sailing to England shortly before the British evacuation on November 25.⁵²

Myles Cooper’s somewhat undignified departure in 1775 essentially spelled the demise of King’s College. The Board appointed an interim successor, the Rev. Benjamin Moore, 27 years old and a King’s graduate (1766), but there were few students; in 1776 the college building was turned into a hospital that was used in turn by the British when they re-occupied the city the following year. Moore attempted to carry on in the house of one of the governors, but seems to have given up in 1777. The governors continued to meet on occasion until 1781. As late as 1779, Cooper planned to return to his position, but the British defeat at Yorktown (1781) made clear that this was a vain

hope.⁵³ The Treaty of Paris ending the Revolution was signed on September 23, 1783. The following spring, on May 1, 1784, the Legislature of New York passed legislation creating Columbia College, which received the property of King's College. The 1784 Columbia charter was non-sectarian, eliminating the Anglican provisions of that of 1754.⁵⁴ The short history of King's College, New York, had come to an end.

Before turning to the origins of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, it is important to recognize that King's College, New York, was the only college in the thirteen colonies whose board of governors, alumni and students generally remained loyal to the Crown. Robert A. McCaughey has attempted to identify the political affiliation of King's students: of 148 with known political affiliations, seventy-two per cent were Loyalists and twenty per cent Patriots. Among the governors, twenty-six can be identified as Loyalists, and three as Patriots. In the case of Harvard, it is estimated that only sixteen per cent of living students in 1776 were aligned with the Crown. The figure at Yale was ten per cent, and at Princeton, a minuscule two per cent. King's College, New York, however, remained firm in its loyalism, despite producing a few leading revolutionaries such as Alexander Hamilton and John Jay.⁵⁵ To that extent, at least, its founders may be said to have achieved a small step towards their objective of creating an Anglican Establishment, even though the goal was probably doomed from the start because of the energy and strength of their dissenting opponents.

2. King's College, Windsor, 1789-1802

As remaining in New York was closed to Inglis, he determined to move to Nova Scotia, sending his library and furniture to Annapolis Royal in the summer of 1783.⁵⁶ He was a signatory of the ultimately unsuccessful "petition of fifty-five" asking for a grant of 5,000 acres of land for each of the petitioners, a request that proved highly unpopular among other Loyalists, who, in the words of Maya Jasanoff, "saw it as an arrogant assumption of privilege by the elite."⁵⁷ Inglis's plans were altered by the illness and death of his wife, as well as the illnesses of his children. By the time he was able to leave, transport was available only to England.

There he remained for nearly four years, pursuing his claim for compensation from the Loyalist claims commission and lobbying for the establishment of an episcopate in British North

America.⁵⁸ On March 21, 1783, he had been one of eighteen clergymen in New York who presented a memorandum to Sir Guy Carleton, Commander-in-Chief, proposing a “plan for an episcopate in Nova Scotia.”⁵⁹ Under the proposal, the bishop would have no temporal power. However, “[t]he fixing of a bishop in Nova Scotia and the consequent supply of clergymen, will strengthen the attachment and confirm the loyalty of the inhabitants, and promote the settlement of the province.”⁶⁰ Five days later, seventeen of the signatories, including Inglis, wrote to Carleton recommending the Reverend Thomas Bradbury Chandler, formerly rector of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and an exile in London since 1775, as bishop of the proposed see. However, the proposal for a Nova Scotian episcopate was not to be acted upon for more than four years.

The same group of clerics also presented Carleton with “A Plan of Religious and Literary Institution for the Province of Nova Scotia.”⁶¹ This advocated the creation of a grammar school and a college, preferably “to be instituted at the most central part of the province (suppose [*sic*] at Windsor),”⁶² both to be headed by members of the Church of England, and the latter by a clergyman. Professors might be of any Protestant denomination, “securities being always given that no doctrine be inculcated repugnant to the constitution of Great Britain as a monarchy – the neglect or perversion of which in most of the seminaries in America is known to have proved one of the most obvious and immediate causes of the subversion of that happy system by which the country was so eminently blest ...”⁶³ On October 18, 1783, shortly before his departure for England, Inglis and four other clergy wrote a letter to Carleton arguing for “[t]he founding of a College or seminary of learning on a liberal plan in [Nova Scotia], where youth may receive a virtuous education and can be qualified for the learned professions ...”⁶⁴ They pointed out that without such an institution, Nova Scotians would have to go to Great Britain, which few could afford, or to “some of the states of this continent, where they will be sure to imbibe principles that are unfriendly to the British Constitution.”⁶⁵ Although the letter called for the appointment of a president, and “able professors in the different branches of science, and for a good grammar school,” it said nothing about the proposed college’s religious affiliation. The authors confined themselves to asserting that “[a college] would diffuse religious literature, loyalty, and good morals among His Majesty’s subjects there.”⁶⁶

Aspects of this “Plan of Religious and Literary Institution,” such as the provision for an

Anglican president and the acceptability of Protestant professors, reflected the practice of King's College, New York. There was no suggestion, however, either in the "Plan" or the letter of October 18, 1783, of any connection between that institution and what was suggested for Nova Scotia, apart from the proposed foundation being Anglican and loyal to the Crown. Only two board members of King's College, New York – the Rev. Charles Inglis and the Rev. Benjamin Moore, the acting president – participated in drafting the "Plan" and the letter. Moore was to remain in the United States, becoming in 1801 both bishop of New York and president of Columbia. The others of the group comprised a cross-section of American clergy, most notably the Rev. Samuel Seabury, who was to be consecrated in 1784 as the first American bishop (of Connecticut). Apart from Inglis, eight were to immigrate to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. Three of these were college graduates, one from Harvard, one from Yale and the third from King's College, New York.⁶⁷ None of the eight played any role in the founding or governance of King's College, Windsor.

Inglis's years in London from 1783-87 were ones of uncertainty, even tumult. While waiting upon the adjudication of his claim for compensation, and searching for a suitable living, he had to meet a bitter pamphlet attack upon his reputation from those who defended Nova Scotia's lieutenant-governor John Parr's rejection of the deeply unpopular "petition of the 55."⁶⁸ Inglis was accused of disloyalty, primarily on the basis of his final sermon before he left New York. In this he had exhorted his congregation to obey the new government and stated that if he were to remain, he would transfer his allegiance, for that was the "common duty of all Christians; and on no other principle can any government or society subsist."⁶⁹ A further danger to Inglis was the charge of corruption levelled at him by the Reverend Samuel Peters, an emigré clergyman from Connecticut. If substantiated, these assertions would not only have destroyed his claim for compensation but any possibility of preferment.⁷⁰ Inglis privately published an effective refutation which preserved his reputation.⁷¹ Judith Fingard has suggested that at this time a colonial bishopric was not actually Inglis's first choice for his future; he discovered, however, that he did not have enough influence to obtain a more lucrative position in either England or Ireland.⁷²

Meanwhile, the question of the Nova Scotian episcopate remained in limbo during the political turmoil that followed the collapse of Lord North's ministry in 1782.⁷³ Inglis had no expectation of getting the appointment. John Moore, Archbishop of Canterbury, had decided that, if

and when established, the bishopric should go to Thomas Bradbury Chandler, the candidate recommended by the New York clergy in March, 1783. Inglis's hopes were directed towards the possibility that he might be chosen if a second episcopate were to be created in the province of Canada. To that end he lobbied the newly-appointed governor-general, Sir Guy Carleton, as well as Archbishop Moore.⁷⁴

But chance in the form of Chandler's ill-health was to bring Inglis to Nova Scotia. In July, 1786, Chandler sent him a letter, stating he was too weak from cancer of the nose to take up the appointment. Archbishop Moore had previously informed Inglis that he would be the preferred candidate if Chandler should withdraw. Finally, in August, 1786, an Order-in-Council ordered the Privy Committee for Trade and Plantations to take up the question of the Nova Scotian episcopate. After eight meetings, the decision was made in May, 1787, to go forward.

As recommended in the memorandum of March 21, 1783, the new bishop had no civil authority; his responsibilities were confined to ordaining and supervising the clergy, and confirming the laity. Even the right of presentation to benefices was reserved to the lieutenant-governor.⁷⁵ Appeals of the bishop's rulings would be made to the High Court of Chancery and not to an episcopal court. The Church of England had been established by provincial statute as early as 1758, but this elevation had limited significance. It could only levy taxes upon declared members, which meant in practice that individuals could avoid church rates simply by declaring themselves dissenters.⁷⁶ The Church of England in Nova Scotia comprised one-quarter of the population of the province, which was to have implications for the future success of an Anglican institution of higher education.⁷⁷

The prospect of Inglis as bishop met some opposition among the clergy in his new diocese, particularly those originally from Connecticut and Massachusetts, who were encouraged by his enemy Samuel Peters to mount a petition against his appointment.⁷⁸ However, resistance faded away when news that Inglis had been consecrated reached the province. He sailed from England on August 26, 1787, arriving in Halifax on October 17.

Although he was later to reside in a bucolic retreat at Aylesford in the Annapolis Valley, it is conceivable that Inglis's first sight of Halifax might have echoed William Cobbett's, who arrived two years before as a soldier: "When I first beheld the barren, not to say hideous rocks at the

entrance to the harbour I began to fear that the master of the vessel had mistaken his way, for I could perceive nothing of the fertility that my good recruiting captain had dwelt upon with such delight.”⁷⁹ The new bishop’s ecclesiastical jurisdiction embraced Nova Scotia, the island of St. John (after 1799 Prince Edward Island), Cape Breton Island, New Brunswick, Canada and Newfoundland.⁸⁰ This vast territory was economically undeveloped, had minimal overland communications and for the most part an impoverished population. Despite the inroads made by Loyalist migration, much of the territory was still in the possession of Indigenous peoples. In the words of Ann Gorman Condon, “[t]iny clusters of people continued to live in isolated pockets of settlement, separated from each other by vast waterways, dense forests, and a forbidding climate.”⁸¹

Halifax, the largest centre in the Atlantic region, benefited after 1776 through a vastly increased military presence combined with mercantile growth. With a population of perhaps 4,000, only a thin stratum of government officials, merchants and military officers lived comfortably.⁸² According to David Sutherland, in the mid-1780s, “[p]aupers were everywhere, housing became almost impossible to secure, while hundreds resorted to a diet of fish, corn, and molasses, with the most desperate dining on dogs and cats.”⁸³ Overcrowding was due at least in part to the presence in the town of approximately 1,400 Loyalists, part of the exodus of perhaps 19,000 to peninsular Nova Scotia during and after the Revolution.⁸⁴

As has been pointed out by Jerry Bannister and Liam Riordan, “loyalism” defies generalization: “Loyalism was not the exclusive preserve of reactionary Tories who used it to combat Lockean liberalism; rather, it encompassed a wide range of peoples in colonial America, from ethnic and religious minorities to Mohawks and enslaved people of African descent to most of the white colonists in the British Caribbean.”⁸⁵ Most Loyalists in Nova Scotia were not well-off and many were impoverished. A substantial number were persons of colour. Apart from opposition to American independence, a belief that their sacrifices should be rewarded by the British government, and a hostility to government officials in Halifax, Neil MacKinnon has asserted that “what the Loyalist feared and distrusted most was another Loyalist. One can take the typical Loyalist attitude so far, for there was no typical Loyalist.”⁸⁶ The Loyalist presence in the province led to ongoing political conflict with the so-called “pre-Loyalists,” and was responsible for the creation of the province of New Brunswick in 1784.

It is obvious from this brief outline of the size of his diocese, and the economic and political circumstances of the Atlantic region, that Inglis faced a daunting task, not least in relation to education. He discovered that there was no grammar school in Nova Scotia, a prerequisite if students were to be able to attend the college which he knew to be essential to sustain a priesthood. His initial impression of the clergy was not favourable. Two-thirds of them were over fifty years old; of the eleven serving in Nova Scotia, the bishop believed that only four were fit for their duties.⁸⁷ A college, in short, was crucial to both church and state in a province where “the old inhabitants have little sense either of religion, order or loyalty; where the new inhabitants must soon sink into the same state, unless prevented by the instruction to be derived from this seminary and the labour of the clergy.”⁸⁸

Inglis rapidly prepared “A brief Sketch of the plan on which it is proposed to Conduct the Academy of Nova Scotia,” proposing the establishment of a school with two streams: a Latin school to prepare men for a college, and an English school centred on reading, writing and practical mathematics.⁸⁹ Within six weeks of Inglis’s arrival in Halifax, lieutenant-governor John Parr tabled in the House of Assembly Royal Instructions “that [Parr] recommend to the Assembly ... to make due Provision for the erecting and maintaining of Schools, where Youth may be educated in competent Learning and in Knowledge or the Principles of the Christian religion.”⁹⁰ Two of the seven members of the committee struck by the Assembly to implement these Instructions, Thomas Barclay and the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, were graduates of King’s College, New York, and friends of Inglis.⁹¹ The committee recommended the establishment of an academy, to be headed by an Anglican clergyman to be paid £200 per annum, with another £100 per annum allocated for a “professor of mathematics and natural philosophy.”⁹²

When these resolutions were sent to the council, there was some disagreement, particularly over the location of the school, which Inglis insisted should be situated in Windsor rather than in Halifax.⁹³ In his “brief Sketch,” Inglis had argued that “[t]he greatest attention must be paid to the morals of the Students in both Schools, and every precaution must be used to guard them against the infection of bad principles, and bad examples.”⁹⁴ In this instance Inglis and the council were revisiting an argument that had surrounded the founding of King’s College, New York, in 1753, when the trustees decided to locate it in New York City.⁹⁵ Inglis continued to prefer the rural option

he and other clergy had advocated in March, 1783. He prevailed over those wanting to locate the academy in Halifax, and the decision was made to allocate £400 to purchase a house for the school in Windsor,⁹⁶ one with far-reaching consequences for the future King's College and for the long-term future of higher education in Nova Scotia. After some delay, a person to head the school was found in the person of Archibald Inglis, the bishop's nephew, who underwent a hasty ordination on October 19, 1788. The school finally opened on November 1 with seventeen students.⁹⁷

The same committee of the Assembly also recommended "as soon as can be found practicable" the need to establish "a College or University in the Province, to prevent as early as may be, the Youth of this Country (now panting for Knowledge) from rushing into the various Seminaries already established in the United States of America, by which means their Attachment to their native Country may be in Danger of being weakened, and Principles imbibed unfriendly to the British Constitution."⁹⁸ The Act consequently passed by the Assembly establishing King's College in 1789 contained no suggestion that students or professors need be Anglican. The only mention of religion in the Act was the stipulation that the president must be a Church of England clergyman,⁹⁹ a requirement that not only hearkens back to the March, 1783, "Plan of Religious and Literary Institution" but also recalls the terms of the 1754 Royal Charter of King's College, New York. However the structure of the boards of the two colleges was fundamentally different. The 1754 charter had created a forty-one-person board of governors, including representatives of the various New York churches. In the case of the 1789 Act establishing King's College, Windsor, the institution was to be unambiguously an arm of government, funded by the province, with a board of governors made up of the governor and commander-in-chief (Guy Carleton, Baron Dorchester), the lieutenant-governor (John Parr), the bishop of Nova Scotia, the provincial secretary (Richard Bulkeley), the chief justice (Jeremy Pemberton), the speaker of the House of Assembly (Richard John Uniacke), the attorney general (Sampson Salter Blowers) and the solicitor general (Uniacke).¹⁰⁰ Under the terms of the Act, the new college would receive £444, 80 s and 10½ d in perpetuity from the province, and up to £500 to purchase a "house, lot of ground and premises" in Windsor.¹⁰¹ Somewhat surprisingly, given the presence of dissenters in the Assembly, the Act passed without opposition.¹⁰² J. Murray Beck suggests that "[p]erhaps they did not think the provisions for King's College unusual or objectionable in a province in which the Church of

England had been established for three decades. Their attitude might have been different if they had known that the governors of the college would impose religious tests which had the practical effect of barring dissenters from its doors ...”¹⁰³

These restrictions were not imposed, however, until the college statutes were drafted after the receipt of its Royal Charter in 1802. During the intervening thirteen years, the governors succeeded in constructing the building that survived until the fire of February 5, 1920, facilitated by grants from the British government totalling £4,000.¹⁰⁴ Designed by Inglis, it was modelled on King’s College, New York, although constructed for the most part of wood rather than stone and slightly larger than its New York prototype.¹⁰⁵ Inglis laid the cornerstone in 1791 and the structure was finally completed in 1794.¹⁰⁶

Inglis found a capable president in William Cochran (c. 1757-1833), a graduate (1780) of Trinity College Dublin, who had emigrated to the United States in late 1783 and was appointed professor of Latin and Greek in 1785 at the newly-founded Columbia College, which awarded him an honorary M.A. in 1788.¹⁰⁷ He quickly became known in New York for newspaper articles attacking slavery, contrasting the principles of the Declaration of Independence with “men set up at auction in our streets, and sold exactly like horses or oxen.”¹⁰⁸ Disillusioned with the republic, he moved to Nova Scotia in 1788, becoming head of the newly-founded grammar school in Halifax, and playing an active role in the nascent literary life of the town.¹⁰⁹ Ordained by Inglis in 1790, he then assumed the presidency.¹¹⁰ Cochran was to remain at King’s until his retirement in 1831, although forced out of the presidency because the statutes (1803 and 1807) approved by the board of governors after the college received its Royal Charter in 1802 stipulated that the president must be a graduate of Oxford or Cambridge.¹¹¹ During the remainder of his career at King’s, with the exception of a brief period as interim president, Cochran acted as vice-president, first under the Rev. Thomas Cox, who died in 1805, and then the Rev. Charles Porter (c.1779-1864), president from 1805 to 1836.¹¹² Inglis remained a staunch friend and supporter of Cochran’s, strongly opposing his deposition from the presidency by the board of governors, which was dominated by the arrogant and snobbish Alexander Croke (1758-1842), judge of the vice-admiralty court (1801-15), an Oxonian who was determined to make King’s resemble his *alma mater* as closely as possible.¹¹³

The number of students who attended King's during the years between its founding and 1803 is unknown.¹¹⁴ Bishop John Inglis, third bishop of Nova Scotia (1825-50), one of the first to enrol in the college, estimated that over 200 entered before it received its charter; "more than a hundred of those persons desired to pursue a Collegiate course."¹¹⁵ This is improbable. In the "appendix" to his *Memoranda* on the college, written in 1836 to defend the institution from being taken away from the Church of England and incorporated into Dalhousie College, Inglis listed 95 persons who supposedly attended during this period.¹¹⁶ It seems likely that Inglis conflated enrolment at the academy and the college. Without a royal charter, students could not receive degrees, and the £30 per annum it cost to attend was prohibitive. Inglis informed Archbishop Moore that there were fewer than 20 "fathers" in Nova Scotia who could afford to send their sons to King's.¹¹⁷ Cochran was the only professor, for the college was unsuccessful in finding a person to teach mathematics.¹¹⁸ It seems likely that students attended daily prayers according to the Anglican prayer book and Sunday services in the Windsor parish church, observances that were made mandatory by the board of governors in 1798.¹¹⁹ These requirements could hardly have made King's attractive to dissenters. Brian Cuthbertson is surely correct in suggesting that divinity students, of whom there were seven in the mid-1790s, comprised most of the student body, and that a very small number of students actually enrolled in the college during these years.¹²⁰

With the granting of the College's Royal Charter in 1802, the history of King's entered its second phase, although it remained firmly in the grip of provincial office-holders. The charter created a board of governors comprising the lieutenant-governor (Sir John Wentworth), the bishop, the chief justice (Sampson Salter Blowers), the judge of the court of vice-admiralty (Alexander Croke), the speaker of the house of assembly, the attorney-general (both positions held by Richard John Uniacke), the solicitor-general (James Stewart) and the provincial secretary (Wentworth's brother-in-law, Benning Wentworth). The board was given the authority to include the president and co-opt three additional members.¹²¹

Brian Cuthbertson and Judith Fingard have analyzed the bitter conflict between Inglis and Judge Alexander Croke over the "Statutes Rules and Ordinances" the board of governors was empowered to prepare under the terms of the charter.¹²² Inglis saw King's primarily as a seminary; Croke was determined that the institution emphasize secular subjects suitable for the education of a

lay elite in a college modelled as closely as possible upon Oxford. He also insisted on the exclusion of non-Anglicans through the requirement that matriculants sign the Thirty-Nine Articles. Croke wanted a lay president, a graduate of Oxford or Cambridge, while Inglis demanded that the president and professors be clergymen, with Cochran remaining as president. The bishop's attitude on the question of the Thirty-Nine Articles has been a subject for dispute. In the protest Inglis sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose approval of the statutes was required by the charter, he made no mention of the issue; Croke claimed, however, that Inglis attempted to have the requirement concerning the articles revoked, but this is hearsay in the absence of written evidence.¹²³ Whatever Inglis's position may have been, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Charles Manners-Sutton, found the statutes unacceptable, striking out the requirement concerning matriculation and replacing it with the practice of Cambridge (his own university) that students had to sign the articles to take a degree. By the time his decision reached Nova Scotia, the 1803 statutes had been printed; they were not issued in a corrected form until 1821.¹²⁴

Whether this made any difference is doubtful. How many non-Anglicans would have attended if they were not allowed to graduate? In any event, all students were required under the statutes to attend daily prayers according to the rites of the Church of England and were forbidden to enter any non-Anglican place of worship. The restrictions applying to non-Anglicans were not completely abolished until 1828.¹²⁵ The upshot was that enrolment during the quarter-century after the receipt of the charter fluctuated between a low of six in 1808-09, to twenty-nine in 1823-24. By 1835-36, it had fallen back again to six.¹²⁶ King's did succeed in supplying clergy to the diocese of Nova Scotia, but it never really recovered from its exclusion of dissenters, which led directly to the proliferation of post-secondary institutions in the province, beginning with the founding of Pictou Academy (1816). When the lieutenant-governor Lord Dalhousie (1816-1820) visited King's on September 24, 1817, the college had fourteen students. Dalhousie, a Scottish Presbyterian who had studied at Edinburgh before his distinguished career in the British army as one of Wellington's generals, was scathing in his diary about all aspects of King's, concluding that "there are a thousand objections to it, & reasons why it should not prosper in its present situation, laws and conduct."¹²⁷ His low opinion of King's and its utility to the province contributed to his founding of Dalhousie College in 1818.

For my purposes, the history of King's, Windsor, under the charter is really a coda, as the statutes drawn up in 1803 and 1807 placed King's firmly in the mould of the University of Oxford. The college now assumed the title of a university, becoming under the statutes of 1803 the "University of King's College," for the charter conveyed upon it the powers of a university, a *studium generale*.¹²⁸ Any connection with King's College, New York, had receded into the past. Accordingly, this is an appropriate point to sum up the relationship between the two King's Colleges on the basis of the evidence presented thus far in sections 1 and 2 of this paper.

Both institutions were Anglican, but King's, New York, and King's, Windsor, differed greatly in their origins, purpose, institutional structure and relationships with government. King's, New York, was born of a vicious struggle between Anglicans and dissenters. Although dominated by Anglicans, its unwieldy forty-one-person board of governors included representatives of other churches *ex officio*. The college was never an instrument of government policy, serving instead the Anglican community whose role in New York society was contested by other wealthy and powerful interests, notably the Presbyterians. Unlike King's, Windsor after 1803, there were no religious tests for Protestants or faculty. The emphasis of King's, New York, was not upon the education of the clergy. This was a fundamental difference from King's, Windsor, under the influence of Charles Inglis, who referred to his college as a "seminary." Most students who attended King's College, New York, came from the mercantile elite, many of whom viewed their college education as preparation for the legal profession. In this respect the institution had affinities with Judge Alexander Croke's secular vision of King's, Windsor. But as a wealthy mercantile class barely existed in Nova Scotia from which such a student body could be drawn, Croke's notions were utterly unrealistic.

It is clear from the foregoing examination of the origins of King's, New York, and King's, Windsor, that there was no institutional link between them. King's, Windsor, was a discrete foundation, in no way a "successor" to its New York namesake. What the two had in common was Anglicanism and loyalty to the Crown. For example, the 1789 legislation required the president of King's, Windsor, be an Anglican clergyman, following the pattern of King's, New York, where the same held true under the terms of the gift of the college site by Trinity Church. However, the arrival of the Royal Charter for King's, Windsor, in 1802 led to the statutes of 1803 and 1807, which were

far more restrictive than the regulations governing students and faculty at King College, New York.

King's, Windsor, was a linchpin in the hierarchical, religiously exclusive vision of Nova Scotia held by a small group of government officials comprising its board of governors. This proved impossible to realize, like a similar Anglican vision in the vastly more populous, dynamic and complex society of mid- and late-eighteenth-century New York, where even the position of the Church of England as the Established church was vigorously contested.

I have not had an opportunity to examine the records of King's College, New York, but there is no indication in any documents I have seen that anyone at the time envisaged or imagined it being "transferred" to Nova Scotia. The proposals of October 18, 1783, for a "College or seminary of learning" in Nova Scotia made no such suggestion. When Inglis departed for England in November, 1783, he had no idea if he would ever go to Nova Scotia, let alone as bishop, because the question of a Nova Scotian episcopate was put on hold by the British government for over three years. Inglis was not even the most favoured candidate for the position.

After his arrival in Nova Scotia in late 1787, neither Inglis nor his contemporaries indicated that the college founded in 1789 had any relationship to King's College, New York, which had been reconstituted five years earlier under a new name and principles. In June, 1791, Inglis wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury: "... it is our intention to bring the Institution gradually, and as its reputation becomes established, to as near a conformity as possible with the models observed in the English universities."¹²⁹ Naming the Nova Scotian college "King's" had nothing to do with the earlier foundation, expressing instead the importance of loyalty to the Crown; in addition, the legislature probably hoped to find favour and financial support from the British government for the fledgling creation. It should be remembered in parenthesis that the college in Windsor was the first of three colleges in British North America to be given the name of "King's."¹³⁰ Unlike King's College, New York, King's, Windsor, under the legislation of 1789 and the Royal Charter of 1802, was completely under the control of provincial office-holders, who succeeded by the statutes of 1803 and 1807 in making it *de jure* an Anglican preserve more completely than King's College, New York, ever was, however completely the latter institution was dominated by Anglicans *de facto*, a domination which continued in the nineteenth century after the establishment of a non-sectarian Columbia College.

These conclusions are consistent with previous writings on the subject. The first work (1836) on the history of King's, by Bishop John Inglis, had the cumbersome title *Memoranda Respecting King's College, at Windsor, Collected and Prepared for the Purpose of Making Evident the Leading Object in Suggesting and Establishing That Institution*.¹³¹ As has been pointed out earlier, Inglis wrote to defend King's as an Anglican institution. In his account of its founding by his father, he makes no mention of King's College, New York. The same is true of two later works on the college written during the nineteenth century. T. B. Akins' *A Brief Account of the Origin, Endowment, and Progress of the University of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia* was published in 1865.¹³² Like Inglis, Akins makes no reference to King's College, New York, nor does Henry Youle Hind in *The University of King's College, 1790-1890*, published to commemorate the centenary of the college.¹³³ The Venerable F. W. Vroom's *King's College: A Chronicle* (1941), however, devotes an informative first chapter to the history of King's College, New York, which he concludes with the closing of the college in 1776: "The history of King's College, New York, ends at this point ..."¹³⁴ Vroom begins his second chapter with the words, "[i]f King's College, New York, ceased to exist, the principles for which it stood lived on, and it was upon these principles that the founders of King's College undertook to build their College"¹³⁵ No further history of King's appeared until the publication of Mark DeWolf's *All the King's Men*, published in 1972, the same year as Judith Fingard's landmark book, *The Anglican Design in Loyalist Nova Scotia*.¹³⁶ Neither DeWolf nor Fingard mention King's College, New York, nor does C. E. Thomas in an article on the early history of King's published in 1964 in the *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society*.¹³⁷ However, Brian Cuthbertson, in his fine biography of Charles Inglis, *The First Bishop*, says of the proposals of March, 1783: "These first proposals for a Nova Scotian college were modelled on the Anglican ideal earlier expressed in King's College, New York. The Loyalist clergy now sought to transfer this ideal to Nova Scotia and establish in America once again a college they could call their own."¹³⁸

Cuthbertson thus follows a similar line to that taken by Archdeacon Vroom in 1941 as well as in two recent histories of Columbia, by David Humphrey (1976) and Robert A. McCaughey (2003). According to Humphrey, "[t]he spirit of loyalist education was transplanted to Nova Scotia, where Charles Inglis took the lead in founding another King's College in the 1780s ..."¹³⁹ After

briefly describing the founding of King's, Windsor, McCaughey states that "seven hundred miles to the northeast, in the city of Halifax [sic], Nova Scotia, British Canada [sic], what New York Anglicans had such high hopes of achieving thirty years earlier in their city [was accomplished]: the union of church, state and college."¹⁴⁰ It is clear that neither Vroom, Cuthbertson, Humphrey nor McCaughey suggest the existence of any empirical connection between King's, New York, and King's, Windsor, referring instead to something more intangible, expressed in the language of "principles," "spirit," "hope," or an "ideal." The caution of historians, however, has not been reflected in the emergence of a more radical point of view that gradually developed at the University of King's College throughout the twentieth century.

Its most extravagant expression was the claim made by President John F. Godfrey (1977-87) that King's was entitled to Columbia's endowment. According to an article published in the *Columbia Summer Spectator* in August, 1978, Godfrey informed President William J. McGill that "the property given to Columbia before 1802 was actually given to the school that held the King's College charter." Godfrey also asserted that the land King's received from Trinity Church was given on the "understanding that it would be [an] Anglican [Episcopalian] institution and each president of the University was an Episcopalian – until Dwight Eisenhower, who was a Presbyterian."¹⁴¹ Godfrey suggested that if Columbia didn't want to pay \$50,000,000, he would be willing to accept Columbia's Wall Street properties; "I'm not insisting on Rockefeller Center," he magnanimously informed a bemused, and no doubt amused, President McGill.

The story made the *New York Times* the following February. Godfrey by then had met with McGill and upped the ante to claim all of Columbia's assets, totalling \$460,000,000. He informed the *Times* via telephone that "King's College was 'sitting around waiting for students' when in 1783 the board of governors decided to move it to Nova Scotia." When asked for more detail, Godfrey referred the reporter to the Right Reverend Stuart Wetmore, a Canadian and King's alumnus who was then Suffragan Bishop of New York. Wetmore was studiously vague: "The Bishop said he could not provide documentation, but recalled 'being informed' that when Mr. [sic] Inglis 'departed with the other loyalists to Nova Scotia he took by resolution the entity of King's College, New York, and added it to King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia.'" The *Times* article also included a graceful letter written to Godfrey by President McGill: "I do hope that this first association will

ripen, if not into the conveyance of all of Columbia's property, at least into a close friendship ..."¹⁴²
 The following month an edited version of the story appeared in *Tidings*, the King's alumni magazine.¹⁴³

Neither Godfrey nor McGill seemed to recollect that a "first association" between the University of King's College and Columbia had been established as early as 1887, when King's awarded an honorary doctorate to Frederick A. P. Barnard, tenth president of Columbia (1864-1889), and an eminent figure in American academic life. This was a new direction for the college. Throughout the nineteenth century, King's had emphasized its ties to England, and in particular to Oxford.¹⁴⁴ I have seen no reference to King's College, New York, or to Columbia in any King's documents before Barnard's nomination for a degree, and there is no suggestion in the minutes of the board of governors as to the reasons for this action. However, it would seem that King's was beginning to reach out to the Episcopal church and to universities in the United States. In 1890, an article in the *Record* commented in a critical vein on the planning for the King's upcoming centennial celebrations: "It is true that it is well to have the Church and Educational institutions of the neighbouring republic represented in the persons of her bishops and college presidents. But we need far more to make efforts which will result in material good to the College, both financially and in the number of students. This result we have no right to expect from the United States ... Let us aim not so much at empty show in the eyes of American magnates, but let us strive to influence favourably our own Canadian people."¹⁴⁵ It is likely that Barnard was the first of these "American magnates" to be so honoured, because Columbia still had close ties to the Episcopal community. Its board of trustees was dominated by a self-perpetuating clique of wealthy "old New York" Episcopalians.¹⁴⁶ Barnard, an Episcopalian like all Columbia presidents until 1948, was an obvious choice for recognition by King's.

Barnard was unable to attend because of illness; his Encaenia address was read by a friend and printed in the *Record*, prefaced by a brief note: "Dr Barnard is President of Columbia College, New York, and it is in a large measure owing to his industry and abilities that that College ranks so high among American Universities." The address focused mostly on the technological marvels of the nineteenth century, a boiler-plate message Barnard had probably delivered many times before. He briefly touched upon the two King's Colleges, although without any suggestion of their having

any organic connection: “By a similarity of origin and by a similarity of name, then, it seems to me that King’s College University, Nova Scotia, and King’s College University, New York, ought to feel themselves closer to each other than is usually the case between sister institutions of learning.” He then referred to “another link slight and, when I mention it, may even seem fanciful.” The “link” was indeed slight, even far-fetched, for it was that the name of George Dunk, earl of Halifax, First Lord Commissioner for Trade and Plantations, was affixed to the King’s, New York, 1754 Royal Charter. This recondite piece of information gave Barnard an opportunity to deplore the expulsion of the Acadians in language that may have led to a few indrawn breaths in his audience: “I am afraid that [the earl of Halifax] cannot escape the imputation of having given his official sanction to that measure of doubtful humanity and still more doubtful statesmanship, whereby a whole population of unoffending peasantry were swept almost in a single day, from the lovely region nearly in the centre of which King’s College university is standing today.”¹⁴⁷

Barnard was the first of three Columbia presidents to be given an honorary degree by King’s. Nicholas Murray Butler, twelfth president (1902-45), was invited to King’s at the time of its greatest crisis. On February 5, 1920, the original college building in Windsor burned to the ground.¹⁴⁸ The then president of King’s (1916-1924), the Rev. T. Stannage Boyle, thought that the college should delay using the insurance money for the purpose of reconstruction, as he and other maritime university presidents had attended a conference in New York held by the Carnegie Corporation, which was interested in sponsoring a university federation for the region. The board, however, disagreed, a fund-raising campaign was launched, and the foundation stone for a new building was laid during Encaenia by MacCallum Grant, the lieutenant-governor of the province, on May 12, 1921.¹⁴⁹

At the time of the fire, King’s had only recently completed another fund-raising campaign, the “Advance Movement,” initiated by the Rev. T. W. Powell (president 1910-14), and completed by Boyle.¹⁵⁰ In November, 1917, Boyle visited New York on a fund-raising trip and was impressed by his reception: “In that city anyone with a real cause could collect a lot of money.”¹⁵¹ This probably figured in his decision to invite Butler “of Columbia, the ancient King’s College of New York,” to give the address at the laying of the cornerstone and of course to receive an honorary degree.¹⁵² Like Barnard, Butler could not attend, but his address was duly read and printed in the

Record. Butler, or more probably one of his secretaries, had done some homework. He linked the two King's Colleges as beacons "to make sure that the lamps of learning should be neither dimmed nor darkened by reason of their distance from the homeland ... Not only do these two King's Colleges represent the fruit of a common effort but in a very real sense, the King's College of Windsor is the foster-child, or at least the close relative, of the King's College that was in the Province of New York."¹⁵³ Butler then touched on the 1783 "Plan of Religious and Literary Institution," and Inglis's role in "putting this plan into practical effect." He spoke as well of William Cochran's career in New York: "To have been the esteemed teacher of men so widely different as DeWitt Clinton and John Randolph of Roanoke, is of itself ground for a permanent reputation." Butler also reminded his audience that Inglis had been a trustee of King's College, New York, which had given both Inglis and Cochran honorary degrees.¹⁵⁴

There was nothing in Butler's speech that was inaccurate, but his comment that King's, Windsor, was "the foster-child, or at least the close relative" of King's, New York, pulled the connection between the two colleges together. This convergence received a further impetus eighteen years later when King's held its one hundred-and-fiftieth (sesquicentennial) anniversary celebration from August 22-24, 1939, on the eve of the Second World War. Two representatives of Columbia were in attendance, one of whom, the university chaplain, the Rev. Raymond Collyer Knox, received an honorary doctorate of divinity. Knox described King's as "kith and kin" to Columbia.¹⁵⁵ The other representative, Dr. Milton Halsey Thomas, "the Archivist of Columbia University, the mother college of King's," brought greetings from Columbia in a brief address at the sesquicentennial luncheon held in the ballroom of the Lord Nelson Hotel.¹⁵⁶

The myth-making process continued in a newspaper article, "Oldest in the Empire," which did not mention Oxford, despite the fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury as Patron under the 1802 Royal Charter had sent sesquicentennial greetings. Indeed, no representative of Oxford received one of the fifteen honorary degrees awarded at the celebration.¹⁵⁷ The article's focus was exclusively upon the New York connection: "[King's College] in New York was the predecessor of King's in Nova Scotia which inherited its name, one of its professors and a number of its distinguished friends and supporters."¹⁵⁸ These assertions were uniformly inaccurate, but the legend of a link between the two King's Colleges had clearly gained traction by 1939, no doubt furthered by Canada's

increasingly close ties, culturally and otherwise, with the United States. It will be recalled that many years later, John Godfrey had referred a *New York Times* reporter to Bishop Stuart Wetmore as his authority for the claim that King's, New York, had been moved to Nova Scotia. Presumably Wetmore garnered the information he in turn recounted to the *Times* reporter while he was a student at King's. It was perhaps not a coincidence that Wetmore took his licentiate in theology in the year of the sesquicentennial.

Twenty-nine years after the sesquicentennial celebration, Columbia and Oxford were both honoured by King's on the occasion of the eighth quinquennial congress of the Association of Universities in the British Commonwealth, which was held in Canada in September, 1958. According to the minutes of Convocation, the body that awards King's honorary degrees, it was moved, in somewhat confusing language, "... that honorary D.C.L.'s [sic] be offered Dr. Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia University, New York, which is, historically, an offshoot of King's College, and to Vice- Chancellor [J. C.] Masterman, of Oxford, from which King's College is descended."¹⁵⁹ Masterman and Kirk received their degrees at a special convocation held in All Saints' cathedral on September 9, 1958. Vice-Chancellor Masterman gave the convocation address while Kirk spoke at a special convocation dinner; neither of them mentioned the history of King's College or its relation to either Oxford or Columbia.¹⁶⁰ It was not until 1978 that the question of King's antecedents was revived by President John Godfrey when he launched his raid on Columbia's endowment, which generated publicity for the college but had unforeseen long-term consequences.

It is ironic that by claiming to be a "successor institution" to King's College, New York, the University of King's College began to suffer from guilt by association when Eric Foner and his students revealed the extent to which the history of its New York namesake was "intertwined" with slavery. The evidence presented in this paper, however, shows that the idea that King's is a "successor institution" to King's, New York, is false.

There may indeed have been connections between King's College, Windsor, and slavery. Slavery was, after all, an integral part of the Atlantic economy until its abolition in 1834, and slave ownership existed in Nova Scotia until the early decades of the nineteenth century.¹⁶¹ Be that as it may, the University of King's College was not implicated in the history of slavery through an

institutional descent from King's College, New York.

There is no evidence that King's in Nova Scotia has gained any tangible advantage by claiming reflected glory from King's College, New York, and Columbia; whether it has derived any symbolic benefit from the supposed association is another matter but is impossible to determine. If there is a moral in this story of the two King's Colleges, it is that, however attractive a particular narrative may seem to be, historical accuracy is generally the safer course to follow.¹⁶²

Endnotes

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2. [William Lahey], "University of King's College and Slavery: A Scholarly Inquiry, December, 2017," 1. Hereafter Scholarly Inquiry. See also Ian Fairclough, "School to Explore Its History," *Chronicle Herald*, February 13, 2018, A5: "King's has identified itself as the successor of King's College in New York City, which was re-established after the [American Revolution] as Columbia University."
3. See, for example, the statement by the late Dr. Ivan Crowell about two tapestries he wove depicting two King's seals dating from around 1802: "The seals may well symbolize a search for knowledge and a search for a new location for it was about this time that the college was moved from New York to 'Windsor [sic] in Novascotia.'" *Tidings*, 1984.
4. Scholarly Inquiry, 4.
5. Edwin G. Burrows and Mike Wallace, *Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), p. 180. Hereafter cited as Burrows and Wallace. The other colleges were Harvard (1636), William and Mary (1693), Yale (1701) and the College of New Jersey, now Princeton (1746). Harvard and Yale were Congregationalist, William and Mary was Anglican, and Princeton was Presbyterian.
6. David C. Humphrey, *From King's College to Columbia, 1746-1800* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1976), pp. 27, 37, 228. Hereafter cited as Humphrey.
7. Burrows and Wallace, pp. 171-2; p. 270.
8. Robert A. McCaughey, *Stand Columbia: A History of Columbia University in the City of New York* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), p. 11. Hereafter cited as McCaughey.
9. Burrows and Wallace, p. 180; McCaughey, p. 11.
10. McCaughey, pp. 11-13. He received the degree *in absentia*.
11. Burrows and Wallace, p. 179.
12. Humphrey, p. 27.
13. Humphrey, p. 41.
14. McCaughey, p. 21.

15. Humphrey, p. 68, states that there were forty-two governors. According to McCaughey, pp. 22-23, the board consisted of seventeen *ex officio* members, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, the secretary for plantations, the governor, the senior member of the governor's council, the speaker of the Assembly, the five justices of the supreme court, the mayor of New York, and the president. The charter named an additional twenty-four members serving without term, whose successors would be selected by the continuing governors. See also Burrows and Wallace, p. 181.
16. Humphrey, p. 69.
17. *Ibid.*
18. McCaughey, p. 20.
19. McCaughey, p. 23.
20. Humphrey, p. 49.
21. McCaughey, p. 25.
22. *Ibid.*
23. McCaughey, p. 40.
24. McCaughey, p. 35. Auchmuty was assistant rector to the Rev. Henry Barclay (rector, 1746-64) when he was first elected to the Board in 1759, succeeding Barclay as rector upon the latter's death. See <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/about/history> (accessed May 14, 2018).
25. McCaughey, p. 35.
26. McCaughey, pp. 35-6.
27. McCaughey, p. 33.
28. Craig Steven Wilder, *Ebony & Ivy: Race, Slavery and the Troubled History of America's Universities* (New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2013), p. 67.
29. McCaughey, p. 40. He states that thirteen per cent became merchants and twenty-eight per cent lawyers.
30. Humphrey, pp. 73, 97.
31. *Ibid.*
32. McCaughey, p. 34.

33. McCaughey, pp. 37-8.

34. *Ibid.*

35. McCaughey, p. 30.

36. McCaughey, pp. 42-4. The medical school was more diverse in its composition than the college generally. “Less than half of the students were identified as Anglicans, while five of the College’s seven identifiable non-Anglican students were medical students. King’s College’s only identifiable Jewish student, Isaac Abrahams (K.C. 1774), the son of a merchant turned rabbi, while not formally a medical student, was one of ten or so regular students who sat in on medical lectures and went on to become doctors. The Presbyterian Alexander Hamilton nearly did the same but for intervening political events.” *Ibid.*, p. 44. President Myles Cooper had little interest in the medical school.

37. McCaughey, p. 29.

38. See Humphrey, pp. 119-21.

39. Brian Cuthbertson, *The First Bishop: A Biography of Charles Inglis* (Halifax: Waegwoltic Press, 1987), pp. 143-4. Hereafter cited as Cuthbertson.

40. McCaughey, p. 28. Cf. Humphrey, p. 127.

41. Humphrey, p. 128.

42. *Ibid.*

43. Humphrey, p. 143. Thomas Bradbury Chandler (1726-1790), rector of St. John’s, Elizabethtown, New Jersey, was one of the most important figures in the American church and a close friend of Charles Inglis. He was forced to move to England in 1775, where he continued to play an important role in the question of establishing an episcopate in the thirteen colonies and in Nova Scotia. He returned to his parish in Elizabethtown in 1785, serving there until his death. As I explain in section 2 of this paper, he was the first choice for the position of bishop of Nova Scotia in 1786. See *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/chandler-thomas-bradbury> (accessed May 22, 2018).

44. Excerpts of this poem are available on the internet. See: <http://americainclass.org/sources/makingrevolution/rebellion/text1/cooperpatriotsnorthamerica.pdf> (accessed May 18, 2018).

45. Humphrey, pp. 126, 153; McCaughey, p. 47.

46. Portions of this pamphlet are available on the internet:
<http://americainclass.org/sources/makingrevolution/rebellion/text7/inglisdeceiverunmasked.pdf>
 (accessed May 18, 2018).
47. Philip Gould, "The Loyalist Response to *Common Sense*," in Jerry Bannister and Liam Riordan (eds.), *The Loyal Atlantic: Remaking the British Atlantic in the Revolutionary Era* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012), p. 111. Hereafter cited as Bannister and Riordan.
48. An Act for the Forfeiture and Sale of the Estates of Persons who have adhered to the Enemies of this State, and for declaring the Sovereignty of the People of this State, in respect to all Property within the same. *Laws of the State of New-York, passed in the Third Session of the Legislature, cap. XXV*, s. 1. Online at <https://books.google.ca/books?id=9Hs4AAAAIAAJ> (accessed October 10, 2018). Hereafter cited as Act. There is an analysis of the act in Alison Reppy, "The Spectre of Attainder in New York (Part 1)," *St. John's Review*, 23 (1948), 22-27. I am indebted to Janet Hathaway for this reference. See also Ruma Chopra, *Unnatural Rebellion: Loyalists in New York City during the Revolution* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2011), p. 161; J.W. Lydekker, *The Life and Letters of Charles Inglis* (London: S.P.C.K., 1936), p. 191; Reginald V. Harris, *Charles Inglis* (Toronto: General Board of Religious Education, 1937), p. 53; Cuthbertson, p. 59.
49. Act, s. 2. Chopra, p. 161; Lydekker, p. 191.
50. *Ibid.*
51. McCaughey, p. 51; Maya Jasanoff, *Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World* (New York: Knopf, 2011), p. 148. Hereafter cited as Jasanoff.
52. Cuthbertson, pp. 60-61. For an account of "Evacuation Day," see Jasanoff, pp. 1-2.
53. Humphrey, pp. 154-5.
54. McCaughey, p. 52.
55. McCaughey, pp. 44-49
56. Cuthbertson, p. 60.
57. Jasanoff, p. 148. See also Cuthbertson, pp. 67-69.
58. Jasanoff, pp. 148-149; Cuthbertson, pp. 63-89. Ultimately, he received £4,135, about seventy per cent of his claim.
59. Cuthbertson, p. 80.
60. This document is reprinted in [T. B. Akins], "King's College and Episcopate in Nova Scotia," *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society*, 6 (1887-88), 130-33. Hereafter cited

as Akins. T. B. Akins published this and the other documents cited in notes 60-66 under the title “King’s College and Episcopate ...” even though the documents neither mention King’s College, Windsor, nor King’s College, New York. Akins’ choice of title leads to the inference that the document cited in note 61 below was a factor in the founding of King’s College, Windsor, which, according to my argument, was not the case. Judith Fingard, *The Anglican Design in Loyalist Nova Scotia* (London, S.P.C.K., 1972), p. 14. Hereafter cited as Fingard. See also Henry Youle Hind, *The University of King’s College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, 1790-1890* (New York: Church Review Company, 1890), pp. 5-11. Hereafter cited as Hind.

61. Cuthbertson, p. 137; Akins, 128-129.

62. Akins, 129.

63. *Ibid.*

64. Memorial from Charles Inglis, H. Addison, Jonathan Odell, Benjamin Moore, Charles Mongan to Sir Guy Carleton, October 18, 1783, in Akins, 123.

65. *Ibid.*, in Akins, 123.

66. *Ibid.*

67. See Hind, pp. 8-11. According to Judith Fingard, “The Loyalist ministers, with the exception of George Panton and John Rowland, were natives of America and the majority had been educated at Harvard or Yale.” Fingard, p. 55.

68. Cuthbertson, pp. 67-68.

69. Cuthbertson, p. 62.

70. See *ibid.*, pp. 70-77. See also Fingard, p. 22.

71. Cuthbertson, p. 72.

72. Fingard, p. 28

73. See Asa Briggs, *The Age of Improvement* (London: Longman, 1959), pp. 75-88.

74. Cuthbertson, p. 85.

75. Fingard, p. 19; Cuthbertson, p. 114.

76. Fingard, p. 26; Cuthbertson, p. 95.

77. On the question of the number of Anglicans in the province, see Fingard, pp. 39-43.

78. Cuthbertson, pp. 86-88; Fingard, pp. 20-26.

79. Quoted in Thomas H. Raddall, *Halifax, Warden of the North* (1948; rpt. Halifax: Nimbus, 2010), p. 94.

80. Cuthbertson, p. 91. Inglis was appointed bishop for life of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island; according to a second patent he was given ecclesiastical jurisdiction over New Brunswick, Canada and Newfoundland, until they received resident bishops.

81. Ann Gorman Condon, "1783-1800: Loyalist Arrival, Acadian Return, Imperial Reform," in Phillip A. Buckner and John G. Reid (eds.), *The Atlantic Region to Confederation: A History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1994), p. 185. Hereafter cited as Condon.

82. Judith Fingard, Janet Guildford and David Sutherland, *Halifax: The First 250 Years* (Halifax: Formac, 1999), p. 26. As a result of the arrival of refugees, it is estimated that approximately one-tenth of the population comprised people of colour.

83. David Sutherland, "The War Years, 1774-1815," in Judith Fingard, Janet Guildford and David Sutherland, *Halifax: The First 250 Years* (Halifax: Formac, 1999), pp. 27-28.

84. Approximately 35,000 came to the region as a whole. For these figures, see Condon, p. 184 and p. 192.

85. Jerry Bannister and Liam Riordan, "Loyalism and the British Atlantic, 1660-1840," in Bannister and Riordan, p. 7.

86. Neil MacKinnon, "The Nova Scotia Loyalists: A Traumatic Community," in Robert M. Calhoun, Timothy M. Barnes, and George A. Rawlyk (eds.), *Loyalists and Community in North America* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1994), pp. 202-203.

87. Cuthbertson, p. 99. The salaries of the clergy, or "missionaries," were paid by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG). For an account of the SPG, see Fingard, pp. 1-12.

88. Inglis to Archbishop John Moore, 30 November, 1789, quoted in Cuthbertson, p. 142.

89. Cuthbertson, pp. 139-140. According to Cuthbertson, no copy of this document is now extant, although T. B. Akins utilised a copy in his *Brief Account of the Origin, Endowment and Progress of the University of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia* (1865).

90. University of King's College Archives (UKC), UKC. BOG.2.1.1, Board of Governors Minutes, 1787-1814, p. 1, meeting of November 13, 1787, which include a transcription of "Extracts from the Proceedings of the General Assembly." See also Cuthbertson, pp. 137-138.

91. Barclay was the son of the Rev. Henry Barclay, rector of Trinity Church, New York, 1746-1764. He came to Annapolis Royal in 1783 and was the member for Annapolis County from

1783-1793 and for Annapolis Township, 1793-1799. He served as speaker of the House of Assembly, 1793-97 and 1799. Barclay returned to New York when he was appointed consul-general for the north eastern states of America in 1799, a position he held until his death in New York in 1830. The Rev. Isaac Wilkins took a B.A. at King's in 1760 and an M.A. in 1763. He received a D.D. from Columbia in 1811. He came to Shelburne in 1784 and was the member for Shelburne township, 1785-1793. Wilkins returned to Westchester County, New York, c. 1800 and resumed his career there as a clergyman. See Shirley B. Elliott, (ed.), *The Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, 1758-1983* (Halifax: Province of Nova Scotia, 1984), *passim*. Hereafter cited as Elliott.

92. T. B. Akins, *A Brief Account of the Origin, Endowment and Progress of the University of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia* (Halifax: MacNab and Shaffer, 1865), pp. 3-4.

93. A grammar school was, in the event, established in Halifax in 1789, and received government support. For a general survey of the educational situation in Halifax at this time, see Judith Fingard, "Attitudes towards the Education of the Poor in Colonial Halifax," *Acadiensis*, 2 (1973), 15-42.

94. Quoted in "One of the Alumni" [John Inglis], *Memoranda Respecting King's College at Windsor, in Nova Scotia ...* (Halifax: Gossip & Coade, 1836), p. 4. Hereafter cited as *Memoranda*.

95. See Humphrey, pp. 12-17.

96. Cuthbertson, p. 140.

97. Cuthbertson, pp. 138-141.

98. UKC. BOG.2.1.1.1, Board of Governors Minutes, 1787-1814, p. 3.

99. *An Act for Founding, Establishing and Maintaining a College in this Province*, 29 Geo. III c. 4, s.4.

100. For Dorchester (1724-1808), see G. P. Browne, "Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester," *DCB* online. Under the terms of his appointment as governor-in-chief, Dorchester's authority was exercised only if he was actually in the province. For Parr (1725-91), see Peter Burroughs, "John Parr," *DCB* online. For Bulkeley (1717-1800), see Phyllis Blakeley, "Richard Bulkeley," *DCB* online; for Blowers (1741/42-1842), see Blakeley, "Sampson Salter Blowers," *DCB* online; for Uniacke (1753-1830), see Brian Cuthbertson, *The Old Attorney General* (Halifax: Nimbus, 1980) and his biography of Uniacke, *DCB* online.

101. 29 Geo. III, c.4, ss.1 and 5.

102. According to J. Murray Beck, the number of dissenters in the Assembly is not known but must have been considerable. See J. Murray Beck, *Politics of Nova Scotia, Volume 1, 1710-1896*

(Tantallon, N.S.: Four East Publications, 1985), p. 49. Hereafter cited as Beck. Brian Cuthbertson, on the basis of his own research, has estimated that Anglicans in the Assembly outnumbered dissenters by two to one. See Cuthbertson, p. 142.

103. Beck, p. 49.

104. Cuthbertson, pp. 141-142. See also *Memoranda*, p. 11.

105. See Cuthbertson, p. 143. See also Hind, p. 37. The Windsor building, according to Hind, was 204 feet long and 36 feet wide; it had three stories and five bays, each with its own entry and staircase. The building of King's College, New York, built between 1756-1760, was 180 feet long and 30 feet wide. It had three bays as well as fourth entrance leading to the college hall. See McCaughey, p. 31, and the plan of the first floor of the building in Humphrey, p. 113. There is a plan of the King's building in Cuthbertson, p. 151. Similar structures were erected at other American colleges, such as the College of New Jersey (Princeton).

106. Cuthbertson, p. 144.

107. McCaughey, p. 54; C. P. Wright, "William Cochran," *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* online. Hereafter cited as Cochran, *DCB* online.

108. Milton Halsey Thomas (ed.), "The Memoirs of William Cochran, sometime Professor in Columbia College, New York, and in King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia," *New York Historical Society Quarterly*, 38 (1954), 68. See also Foner, Chapter 7, "Columbia Faculty and Students and Slavery," p. 29, where this is quoted without attribution.

109. Backed by John Howe, Cochran founded in 1789 *The Nova-Scotia Magazine and Comprehensive Review of Literature, Politics and News*, the first literary journal in Nova Scotia. He gave up the position of editor when he became president of King's. *The Nova-Scotia Magazine* survived until 1792. See Cochran, *DCB* online.

110. For Cochran's life and career, see Cochran, *DCB* online. For an encomium to Cochran, see Inglis's letter to William Morice, secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG): "He is an excellent scholar, and if he shall answer the character which is given of him by the Rev. [Benjamin] Mr. Moore and other person of veracity in New York, he would certainly be an acquisition. My friends there tell him that he was the chief support of the College [Columbia], and they know not how to supply his place." Inglis to Morice, December 6, 1788 (typescript copy), Nova Scotia Archives (NSA), MG1 Vol. 479 (a), p. 106. I think it reasonable to infer from Inglis's continuing contacts with his friends in New York that he was aware of Cochran's campaign against slavery while a Columbia professor.

111. For a good account of the circumstances surrounding Cochran's ouster from the presidency, which was part of a larger struggle between Inglis and Alexander Croke, over the direction of the college, see Cuthbertson, pp. 154-64. Croke wished it to have a more secular character than Inglis, specifically by stipulating in the statutes that the presidency was open to a layman.

112. For Porter, see C. P. Wright, "Charles Porter," *DCB* online.
113. For Croke, see Carol Ann Janzen, "Sir Alexander Croke," *DCB* online. Croke was knighted in 1816, the year after he left Nova Scotia, and given a pension of £1,000 per annum. He was deeply unpopular in Nova Scotia, not least for his satirical poem "The Inquisition," (1805), which lampooned the elite of Nova Scotian society (including Inglis) under easily penetrated classical pseudonyms.
114. *The Matricula*, UKC.REG.6.1.1803, the record of entering students, was begun in 1803; a record of the number of students in residence began in 1807: *The Names of Students and the Time of Their Residence in King's College*, UKC.REG.6.2.
115. *Memoranda*, p. 22. For a biography of Inglis, see Judith Fingard, "John Inglis," *DCB* online.
116. *Memoranda*, preface, pp. ii-iii. Inglis also included the professions of many of the ninety-five listed. I have not gone through the list name by name to determine if any non-Anglicans are included, but most of those listed were Anglican. It is surprising that only six (including Inglis himself) were clergymen. See *Memoranda*, appendix, pp. 22-24.
117. Cuthbertson, p. 153.
118. *Ibid.*
119. UKC. BOG.2.1.1., p. 84, Minutes of the Board of Governors, meeting of June 7, 1798.
120. *Ibid.*, p. 154.
121. The Royal Charter is in the King's College Archives (UKC.BOG.1.1). It is reproduced in Hind, pp. 26-30. For Wentworth (1737-1820), see Judith Fingard, "Sir John Wentworth," *DCB* online, and Brian Cuthbertson, *The Loyalist Governor* (Halifax: Petheric Press, 1983) ; for Stewart (1765-1830), see Elliott, p. 210.
122. See Cuthbertson, pp. 157-165; Fingard, pp. 152-153.
123. Adams G. Archibald, "Sir Alexander Croke," *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society*, 2 ((1879-1880), 116; Cuthbertson, p. 160. See C. E. Thomas, "The Early Days of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, 1750-1810," *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society*, 6 (1964), 42, where Thomas quotes a letter from Inglis to Manners-Sutton of the 6 January, 1808, which makes clear his opposition to requiring the Thirty-Nine Articles for matriculation, while supporting the requirement that signing them be necessary to receive a degree: "The alteration which requires the subscription when taking a degree, and not at Matriculation, was highly necessary and prudent. Three-fourths of the inhabitants are Dissenters; and against these, the Statute as it first stood, virtually shut the door of the Seminary against them. For they considered the subscription as a kind of renunciation of their religion; for which reason, Dissenters would not send their sons to the College." Hereafter cited as Thomas.

124. See Cuthbertson, pp. 158-163.

125. I have taken this paragraph from my article, "Haliburton and King's College," in Richard A. Davies (ed.), *The Haliburton Bi-centenary Chaplet* (Wolfville: Gaspereau Press, 1997), pp.86-7. Hereafter cited as Roper. See UKC. BOG.2.1.2, p. 112, Minutes of the Board of Governors, meeting of February 8, 1827, for the abrogation of the statute forbidding attendance at non-Anglican services as well as requiring attendance at services in college or in the parish church at Windsor. For the elimination of subscription to the Thirty-Nine Articles (except for faculty members and for degrees in Divinity, see *ibid.*, Minutes, December 8, 1828, pp. 119-22.

126. See Roper, p. 93, appendix A.

127. Marjory Whitelaw (ed.), *The Dalhousie Journals* (Ottawa: Oberon Press, 1978), p. 63.

128. Royal Charter, May 12, 1802: "And We do further Will ordain and grant that the said College shall be deemed and taken to be an University and shall have and enjoy all such and the like Privileges as are enjoyed by our Universities in our United Kingdom and Great Britain and Northern Ireland ..."

129. Charles Inglis to the Archbishop of Canterbury (John Moore), June, 1791 (typescript copy), NSA, MG 1, Vol. 479 (a), p. 262.

130. The others were King's College, New Brunswick, which took the name King's College when it received a royal charter in 1829. It became the secular University of New Brunswick in 1859. King's College, Toronto, was founded by the Rev. (later Bishop) John Strachan, receiving a royal charter in 1827. It was secularized as the University of Toronto in 1849. See F. W. Vroom, *King's College: A Chronicle* (Halifax: Imperial Publishing, 1941), pp. 1-3. Hereafter cited as Vroom.

131. Inglis, *op. cit.*

132. Akins, *op. cit.*

133. Hind, *op. cit.*

134. Vroom, p. 9.

135. Vroom, p. 10.

136. Mark DeWolf and George Flie, *All the King's Men* (Halifax: Alumni Association, University of King's College, 1972); Fingard, *op. cit.*

137. Thomas, *op. cit.*

138. Cuthbertson, p. 138. A similar line was taken by Alexander M. Kinghorn, in his article "King's College, Halifax: The Overseas Commonwealth's Oldest University," *Aberdeen*

University Review, 38 (1959), 24: “Although there had been a King’s College, New York, chartered by George II in 1754, it did not survive the end of the colonial period in America and its re-organisation in 1784 under the name of Columbia College was undertaken on an entirely different plan. The Loyalist political and religious principles upon which the New York seminary had been founded migrated, along with the Loyalists themselves, to Eastern Canada and in 1802 a Royal Charter was granted ...”

139. Humphrey, p. 154. See also pp. 269-70.

140. McCaughey, p. 51.

141. Mitch Rollnick, “Canadian school wants \$50 million or CU land,” *Summer Spectator* (Columbia University), Vol. CI, (August 3, 1978), 2-3. General Eisenhower was briefly president of Columbia (1948-53), relinquishing the position when he was elected president of the United States. Eisenhower’s presidency was mostly spent *in absentia*. McCaughey, pp. 338-41.

142. Charlotte Evans, “Columbia’s Anglican Cousin Sends a Bill for \$460,000,000,” *New York Times*, February 12, 1979, B9.

143. *Tidings* (University of King’s College Alumni magazine), March, 1979, 8. For a retrospective view of these events, see Dorian Geiger, “The Mythical King’s Caper,” *Chronicle Herald*, June 27, 2014. According to Godfrey when interviewed via telephone by Geiger: “I walked into McGill’s office and I pointed out to him that I should be sitting where he is ... It was my belief that I owned that endowment. All of the land that was down on Wall Street or the Rockefeller Center or Morningside Heights – all that land actually belonged to me because I was the legitimate descendant, the heir to this.”

144. See, for example, *King’s College Record*, v. 5 (1883), 401, for a discussion of King’s “actual or possible connection” with the University of Oxford. On the same page of *The Record* there is a short article about the appointment of E. W. Benson as Archbishop of Canterbury, under the heading “Our New Patron.” Hereafter cited as *Record*. Copies of the *Record* are in UKC.

145. *Record*, v. 12 (1890), 57.

146. McCaughey, pp. 117-118.

147. *Record*, v. 9 (1887), 112.

148. For an account of the fire, see Vroom, p. 148.

149. For the debate, see the informative article by T. Stannage Boyle, “Retrospect,” *Record*, 67 (1946), 15-16, hereafter cited as Boyle. Vroom, ever discreet, makes no mention of any debate.

150. Powell retired because of ill-health before the “Advance Movement” campaign was completed. During the period between his resignation in November, 1914, and Boyle’s assuming office, the Rev. C. E. Willets, a former president, served as acting president. See Vroom, p. 145.

151. Boyle, 11.

152. Minutes of the Board of Governors, November 29, 1917, (UKC.BOG.2.1.10). Boyle managed to collect \$1,200, with the assistance of the bishop of New York. See also Boyle, 17.

153. Nicholas Murray Butler, “Address for the Ceremony of the Laying of the Corner Stone at King’s College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, May 12th, 1921,” *The Record*, v. 42 (1921), 229-30.

154. *Ibid.*, 230.

155. “Chaplain Raymond C. Knox of Columbia University is Speaker at King’s College Sesquicentennial Celebration, Says King’s ‘Kith and Kin’ of Columbia,” unsourced newspaper cutting, c. August 22, 1939. See UKC, scrapbook titled “Scraps, 1938-1939.” Hereafter cited as “Scraps.”

156. “Extends Greetings to King’s College,” unsourced newspaper cutting, c. August 22, 1939, “Scraps.” Thomas refers to his attendance at the Sesquicentennial in his preface to “The Memoirs of William Cochran,” which he edited and published in the *New York Historical Society Quarterly*, 38 (1954), 55-83: “At that time the ties between the two institutions, which had been founded with the same name, by royal charters, and under the fostering eye of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was somewhat vague. Feeling that the Sesquicentennial at Halifax was an appropriate occasion not only to renew its friendship, but also to find out exactly what these early ties had been, Columbia sent two delegates to that celebration: the late Reverend Raymond Collyer Knox, S.T.D., Chaplain of the University and spokesman of its religious interests, and the writer, who was bidden to recover the connecting links from Halifax archives. A wealth of interesting material was turned up at that time but the most important item by far was the unpublished autobiography of Dr. William Cochran ...” Thomas found a version of Cochran’s manuscript in the Legislative Library. It is now in NSA, MG 1, 223, No. 1. See Cochran, *DCB* online. I have not been able find any indication that Thomas wrote further on the connections between Columbia and King’s.

157. Oxford did receive a mention in another article on the sesquicentennial: “King’s was modelled on Oxford ...” *Halifax Herald*, August 21, 1939, 11.

158. Unsourced newspaper cutting, “Scraps.”

159. UKC, B.1.1.1, Minutes of Convocation, 1891-1987, p. 233, meeting of December 19, 1958. Despite its name, the Association invited representatives of American universities, hence Kirk’s attendance. See UKC, *Tidings from King’s*, September, 1958, 1. Kirk served as president of Columbia from 1953-1968, when the manner he dealt with student unrest led to his resignation.

160. *Tidings from King's*, September, 1958, 1-3.

161. See D.G. Bell, J. Barry Cahill, and Harvey Amani Whitfield, "Slavery and Slave Law in the Maritimes," in Barrington Walker (ed.), *The African Canadian Legal Odyssey: Historical Essays* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012), pp. 363-420.

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