

Orangemen of Montreal choose to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in that city on the 12th of July next.

The petition having been duly considered, I am directed to inform you that the duty of preserving the peace and maintaining order generally in the City of Montreal devolves upon the civil authorities of that city, and should the civil power be unequal to the task, the Parliament of Canada has already provided for the mode in which, and the occasion on which, the active militia shall be called out in aid of the civil power. These provisions may be found in chapter 46 of the Statutes of Canada, 1873, amending the 27th section of 31 Vic. (1868), chapter 40, which is as follows:

"The active militia, or any corps thereof, shall be liable to be called out, with their arms and ammunition, in aid of the civil power in any case in which a riot, disturbance of the peace, or other emergency requiring such service occurs, or is in the opinion of the civil authorities hereinafter mentioned, anticipated as likely to occur, and (in either case) to be beyond the powers of the civil authorities to suppress or to prevent or deal with, whether such riot, disturbance, or other emergency occurs, or is so anticipated, within or without the municipality in which such corps is raised or organized, and it shall be the duty of the senior officer of the Active Militia present at any locality to call out the same, or any portion thereof, as he considers necessary, for the purpose of preventing or suppressing any such actual or anticipated riot or disturbance, or for the purpose of meeting and dealing with any such emergency as aforesaid, when thereunto required in writing by the Chairman or Custos of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or by any three Magistrates of whom the Warden, Mayor, or other head of the municipality or county in which such riot or disturbance or other emergency occurs or is anticipated as aforesaid, may be one;

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