

twenty-first day of December instant, Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, We have thought fit, further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the eighteenth day of January next, so that you nor any of you, on the said twenty-first of day of December instant, at Our City of *Montreal* to appear, are to be held or constrained, for We do will that you and each of you, be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; Commanding, and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and every one of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Thursday, the eighteenth day of January next, at our City of *Montreal* aforesaid, personally you be and appear, for the Despatch of Business, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which, in Our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of our said Province, may by the favor of God be ordained.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto

affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this ninth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.