

# CANADA COMPANY.

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OF THE

### MINUTES OF THE INTENDED ARRANGEMENTS

BETWEEN

Earl BATHURST, His Majesty's Secretary of State, and the proposed  
CANADA COMPANY.

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**T**HE Merchants and others, who have united together to establish a Company for purchasing, improving, settling, and disposing of lands and other property in Upper Canada, and especially for purchasing and settling certain lands in the province of Upper Canada, which have been reserved for certain public purposes, and for the support of a Protestant clergy, and which are known by the name of "The Crown Reserves," and "The Clergy Reserves," and which merchants and others, for that purpose, have subscribed a capital of One Million sterling;—having applied to Earl Bathurst, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State having the Department of the Colonies, to advise His Majesty to grant to them a charter of incorporation, and to grant and convey to them, for certain valuable considerations, the said reserved lands in the province of Upper Canada;—the following arrangement has been concluded between the committee or court of Directors, appointed by those persons, and acting for the general body, on the one part, and Lord Bathurst on the other part.

1st.—IT being necessary that the consent of Parliament should be obtained, before His Majesty can grant that part of the lands proposed to be conveyed to the company, which have been reserved for the support of a Protestant Clergy, Lord Bathurst will, at an early period of the next Session of Parliament, take the necessary measures for introducing a Bill for this purpose.

2nd.—As it may be expedient to invest the proposed company with certain powers and privileges, which His Majesty, by the mere exercise of His royal prerogative could not confer, Lord Bathurst will introduce into the Bill to be submitted to Parliament the necessary clauses for investing the proposed company with those powers and privileges.

3rd.—Subjoined to the present minute is a Memorandum, containing the heads of the Bill which Lord Bathurst proposes thus to lay before Parliament, for its consideration. His Lordship must be distinctly understood, as not binding himself to support any particular parts of this Bill, which, in the course of the Parliamentary discussion of the subject, it may appear to him right or expedient to abandon. The subjoined Memorandum must therefore be regarded only as containing those provisions which, upon his present consideration of the subject, Lord Bathurst thinks it would be proper to suggest to Parliament for its adoption.

4th.—Lord Bathurst will move the Lords of the Privy Council to advise His Majesty to issue, under the great seal, a royal charter for the incorporation of the proposed company. By this charter would be granted such powers and privileges as it is competent to the Crown, by virtue of its prerogative, to confer, without the