

Then the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* presented to the Speaker His Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and the same being read, was in the words following :

(Signed) GORDON DRUMMOND.

GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith : To our beloved and faithful Subject *John Richardson*. Esquire, Greeting :— Whereas by the Advice and Assent of our Council for certain arduous and urgent affairs, us, the state and defence of our Province of Lower Canada and the Church thereof, concerning, our Legislature, at our City of Quebec, on the Twenty-sixth day of January instant, we have ordained to be holden, and there with you and other great men, and our Legislative Council of our said Province, to have conference and treaty, you, on the faith and allegiance by which you are bound to us, firmly enjoining, we command, that the difficulty and danger of the affairs aforesaid considered, laying aside every excuse whatsoever, at the Meeting of our said Legislature you be personally present with us, and the great men, and the Legislative Council aforementioned upon the said affairs to confer and your advice to afford, and this as us and the honour, safety and defence of our said Province and the Church of the same, and the dispatch of the Affairs aforementioned you love, you are in no wise to omit ; Witness our Trusty and well beloved Sir GORDON DRUMMOND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, and the Province aforesaid, the Twenty-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the Fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed) G. D.

(Signed) HERMAN W. RYLAND,

C. C. in Ch.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Richardson* came to the Table and took the Oath prescribed by the Statute of the 31st of His present Majesty, which was administered by *David Monroe*, Esq. one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly. The