

PROCLAMATION.

DORCHESTER, G.

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth. To all our loving Subjects whom these Presents may concern, Greeting :

WHEREAS, our Province of Quebec stands at present divided only into two Districts, and by virtue of two certain Acts or Ordinances, the one passed by our Governor and the Legislative Council, in the twenty-seventh year of our Reign, and the other in the present year, provision is made for forming and organizing one or more new Districts ; NOW therefore know ye, that our Governor of our said Province, by the advice and consent of our Council of our said Province, and in pursuance of the Acts and Ordinances aforesaid, hath formed and doth hereby form the several new Districts herein after described and named, to wit, the District of Lunenburg, bounded on the East by the Eastern Limit of a Tract lately called or known by the name of Lancaster, protracted northerly and southerly as far as our said Province extends, and bounded westerly by a North and South Line intersecting the mouth of the River Gananoque, now called the Thames, above the Rifts of the Saint Lawrence, and extending southerly and northerly to the Limits of our said Province, therein comprehending the several Towns or Tracts called or known by the names of Lancaster, Charlottenburg, Cornwall, Osnabruck, Williamsburg, Matilda, Edwardsburg, Augusta, and Elizabethtown ; and also, one other District to be called the District of Mecklenburg, extending within the North and South Bounds of our said Province, from the Western Limits of the said District of Lunenburg as far westerly as to a North and South Line intersecting the mouth of a River now called the Trent, discharging itself from the West into the head of the Bay of Quinty, and therein comprehending the several Towns or Tracts called or known by the names of Pittsburg, Kingstown, Ernestown, Fredericksburg, Adolphustown, Marysburg, Sophiasburg, Ameliasburg, Sydney, Thurlow, Richmond, and Camden ; and also, one other District to be called the District of Nassau, extending within the North and South Bounds of our said Province, from the Western Limit of the last mentioned District so far westerly as to a North and South Line intersecting the extreme projection of Long Point into the Lake Erie, on the northerly side of the said Lake Erie ; and also, one other District to be called the District of Hesse, which is to comprehend all the residue of our said Province in the Western or inland parts thereof, of the entire breadth thereof, from the Southerly to the Northerly Boundary of the same ; and also, one other District to be called the District of Gaspe, and to comprehend all that part of our said Province on the southerly side of St. Lawrence, to the eastward of a North and South Line intersecting the north-easterly side of Cape Cat, which is on the southerly side of the said River, of which all our loving Subjects are to take due Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

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 trusty and well-beloved GUY, LORD DORCHESTER, Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province, at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and of our Reign the twenty-eighth.

GEO. POWNALL, Sec'y.