

affairs which may the State and defence of our Dominion of *Canada* concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion, and We do command you the said *Ezra Churchill*, Esquire, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever, laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved the Right Honorable JOHN, Baron LISGAR, of *Lisgar and Bullockborough*, in the County of *Cavan Ireland*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and a Baronet, one of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint *Michael and Saint George*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of *Prince Edward*.

At Our Government House, in Our City of *Ottawa*, in Our Dominion of *Canada*, this Third day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the thirty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Churchill* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *Robert LeMoine*, Esquire, Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table a Certificate of the Commissioner, setting forth that the Honorable *Ezra Churchill*, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the *British North America Act, 1867*.

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table.

By the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, of the *Quebec* Auxiliary Bible Society.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read:—

Of the *Montreal* Auxiliary Bible Society; praying to be exempted from the payment of a duty of five per cent on all copies of the Scriptures imported by the said Society.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce, and Railways, presented their first Report recommending the reduction of the Quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Sanborn*, from the Committee on Standing Orders, and Private Bills, presented their first Report recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to seven members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Sanborn*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wilson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* presented to the House the Report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 30th June, 1870.

Ordered, That the same lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(Vide Sessional Papers.)