

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House,—Draft of a Commission passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, appointing the Right Honorable, the Earl of *Dufferin*, K.P., K.C.B., to be Governor General of *Canada*, which was read, as followeth :—

CANADA.

DRAFT OF INSTRUCTIONS passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet to the Right Honorable the Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K.C.B., as Governor General of Canada.

VICTORIA R.

Dated 22nd May, 1872.

INSTRUCTIONS to Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint *Patrick*, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Our Governor-General in and over Our Dominion of *Canada*, or in his absence to our Lieutenant-Governor, or the Officer administering the Government of Our said Dominion of *Canada* for the time being.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, this Twenty-second day of May, 1872, in the Thirty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

I. WHEREAS, by a Commission under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom Preamble.

of *Great Britain and Ireland*, bearing even date herewith, we have constituted and appointed you, the said *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, to be Our Governor-General in and over Our Dominion of *Canada*, for and during Our Will and Pleasure, and have further authorized and commanded you to do and execute all things in due manner that shall belong to your said command, and the trust thereby reposed in you, according to the several powers and directions therein-mentioned, and particularly according to such Instructions as should therewith be given to you. Now, therefore, We do by these Our Instructions, under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, being the Instructions so referred to as aforesaid, declare Our Pleasure to be, that you shall with all due solemnity cause Our said Commission to be

published in our said Dominion ; and you shall then and there take the oath of allegiance, Oaths to be taken by in the form provided by an Act passed in the Session holden in the the Governor. thirty-first and thirty-second years of Our Reign, intituled " An Imperial Act, 31 and thirty-first and thirty-second years of Our Reign, intituled " An 32 Vic., cap 72. Act to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths ;" and likewise that you do take the usual oath for the due execution of the office and trust of Our Governor-General in and over Our Dominion of *Canada*, and for the due and impartial administration of Justice, which said oaths the Judges of Our Supreme Courts of Record within Our said Dominion, or any three or more of such Judges, are hereby required to tender and administer unto you.

II. And we do authorize and require you, from time to time, and at any time here- Oaths to be adminis- after, by yourself or by any other person to be authorized by you in tered by the Governor. that behalf, to administer to all and to every person or persons, as you shall think fit, who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit, the said oath of allegiance, together with such other oath or oaths as may, from time to time, be prescribed by any laws or statutes in that behalf made and provided.

III. And We do require you to communicate forthwith to Our Privy Council for Governor to communi- Our said Dominion these Our Instructions, and likewise all such cate instructions to Privy Council. others, from time to time, as you shall find convenient for Our service to be imparted to them.