

(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 well beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our beloved and faithful the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Assembly of our said Province; called and chosen to our present Provincial Parliament of our said Province, and to all our loving subjects whom these presents may concern, **GREETING**:—Whereas we have thought fit by and with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Province of Lower Canada, to dissolve this present Provincial Parliament of our said Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the second day of May next; we do for that end publish this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Provincial Parliament accordingly; and the Legislative Councillors, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Assembly are discharged from their meeting and attendance on Thursday, the second day of May next; and we being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our people of our said Province and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby make known our Royal will and pleasure to call a new Provincial Parliament, and do hereby further declare, that, with the advice of our said Executive Council, we have this day given orders for issuing our Writs in due form for calling a New Provincial Parliament in our said Province; which Writs are to bear test on Friday, the eighth day of March next; and to be returnable on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of April next, for every place except the County of Gaspé, and for the County of Gaspé on Friday, the fourteenth day of June next: In Testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed; Witness our right trusty and well beloved Sir **GORDON DRUMMOND**, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable and Military Order of the Bath, Administrator in Chief in and over our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the twenty-ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and the fifty-sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed,) *G. D.*
 (Signed,) **THOMAS DOUGLASS**, Clk. Cn. in Ch.