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To an ADDRESS of the SENATE, dated the 7th March, 1893, for a copy of the Royal Instructions from Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, to His Excellency on his appointment to his present office.

By order.

JOHN COSTIGAN,

Secretary of State.

CANADA.

DRAFT OF INSTRUCTIONS *passed under the Royal Sign-Manual and Signet to the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.*

VICTORIA R.

Instructions to our governor-general in and over our dominion of Canada, or, in his absence, to our lieutenant-governor or the officer for the time being administering the government of our said Dominion. Dated 5th October, 1878.

Given at our court at Balmoral, this fifth day of October, 1878, in the forty-second year of our reign.

WHEREAS by certain letters-patent bearing even date herewith, we have constituted, ordered, and declared that there shall be a governor-general (hereinafter called our said governor-general) in and over our dominion of Canada (hereinafter called our said Dominion), and we have thereby authorized and commanded our said governor-general to do and execute in due manner all things that shall belong to his said command, and to the trust we have reposed in him, according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed him by virtue of the said letters-patent and of such commission as may be issued to him under our sign-manual and signet, and according to such instructions as may from time to time be given to him, under our sign-manual and signet, or by our order in our privy council, or by us through one of our principal secretaries of state, and to such laws as are or shall hereafter be in force in our said Dominion. Now, therefore, we do, by these our instructions under our sign-manual and signet, declare our pleasure to be that our said governor-general for the time being shall, with all due solemnity, cause our commission, under our sign-manual and signet, appointing our said governor-general for the time being, to be read and published in the presence of the chief justice for the time being, or other judge of the supreme court of our said Dominion, and of the members of the privy council in our said Dominion: And we do further declare our pleasure to be that our said governor-general, and every other officer appointed to administer the government of our said Dominion, shall take the oath of allegiance in the form provided by an act passed in the session holden in the thirty-first and thirty-second years of our reign, intituled "An Act to Amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths," and likewise that he or they shall take the usual oath for the due execution of the office of our governor-general in and over our said Dominion, and for the due and impartial administration of justice;

Preamble.

Recites letters patent, dated 5th October, 1878, constituting the office of governor-general.

Publication of governor-general's commission.

Oaths to be taken by governor-general, &c. Imperial act 31 and 32 Victoria, cap. 72.