

“And in pursuance of His Majesty’s instructions, I have caused a writ, in the usual form, to be immediately issued directed to the Provost-Marshal or his Deputy, resident in the island, for the election of two members to serve in the General Assembly of Nova Scotia, being the number directed to be summoned to such Assembly before the time when the said island was first separated from the province of Nova Scotia.

“And I do hereby, in obedience to His Majesty’s commands, dissolve the Council of the said Island of Cape Breton.

“And that the peace and good order of the said island may be preserved in justice duly administered therein, until more effectual provision shall be made by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, or until further order shall be duly made therein, I do hereby authorize and require that all Judges, Justices of the Peace, Constables, and other Civil Officers in commission in the said island, do continue in the execution of their respective offices, agreeably to the several ordinances passed by the Governor and Council of Cape Breton, and under which that Colony since its separation, has been hitherto administered.

“Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this ninth day of October, 1820, in the first year of His Majesty’s reign. by His Excellency’s Command.

“RUPERT D. GEORGE.

“GOD SAVE THE KING.”

APPENDIX M.

AN EPISODE OF THE REPATRIATION.

“At last the frightful series of disasters which had befallen the Acadian people during eleven years, was drawing to a close. After having been proscribed, transported, retransported, plunged and replunged into want and misery, those who were left in Acadia had a breathing spell amidst the ruins and deaths heaped up around them. Each one settled as best he could in the place where fate had cast him. The prisoners around Halifax betook themselves, some to Prospect, south of the town, others to the north at Chezetcook, most of them to the Straits of Canso and to the Madame Islands; others, in fine, gathered together on the Baie des Chaleurs, at Nipisigny, Caraquette