

## COMMISSIONS.

12TH SEPTEMBER, 1791.

GUY, LORD DORCHESTER—*Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada.*

Greeting :

Whereas, We did by Our Letters Patent, under Our Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the twenty-second day of April, in the twenty-sixth year of Our Reign, constitute and appoint you, Guy, Lord Dorchester [then Sir Guy Carleton], to be our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Province of Quebec in America, comprehending all Our Territories, Islands and Countries in North America then bounded as in Our said recited Letters Patent was mentioned and expressed.

Now Know Ye, that we have revoked, determined, and by these presents do revoke and determine, the said recited Letters Patent, and every clause, article or thing therein contained.

And whereas, we have thought fit by Our order, made in Our Privy Council on the nineteenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, to divide Our said Province of Quebec into two separate Provinces, to be called the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada, by a line to commence at a stone boundary on the north bank of the Lake St. Francis at the Cove west of the Pointe au Baudet, in the limit between the Township of Lancaster and the Seigneurie of New Longueuil, running along the said limit to the direction of north thirty-four degrees west of the westernmost angle of the said Seigneurie of New Longueuil; thence along the north-western boundary of the Seigneurie of Vaudreuil, running north twenty-five degrees east, until it strikes the Ottawas River, to ascend the said river into the Lake Temmescanning, and from the head of the said lake by a line drawn due north until it strikes the boundary line of Hudson's Bay; the Province of Upper Canada to comprehend all such lands, territories and islands lying to the westward of the said line of division, as were part of Our said Province of Quebec, and the Province of Lower Canada to comprehend all such lands, territories and islands lying to the eastward of the said line of division, as were part of Our said Province of Quebec.

And whereas, by an Act passed in the present year of Our reign, intituled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" further provision is hereby made for the good Government and prosperity of our said Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

Further Know Ye, that we, reposing especial trust and confidence in the prudence, courage and loyalty of you, the said Guy, Lord Dorchester, of Our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have thought fit to constitute and appoint you, the said Guy, Lord Dorchester, to be Our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Our said Province of Upper Canada, and of Our said Province of Lower Canada, respectively, bounded as hereinbefore described.

EXTRACT from His Majesty's Instructions to His Excellency Lord Dorchester, dated at St. James', the 16th September, 1791, viz:—

1st. With these Our instructions, you will receive Our Commission under Our Great Seal of Great Britain, constituting you Our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over Our Provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada, *bounded as in our said Commission is particularly expressed.* In the execution, therefore, of so much of the Office and Trust we have reposed in you, as relates to Our Province of Lower Canada, you are to take upon you the Administration of the Government of the said