

ROBT. PRESCOTT, GOVR.



GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. To Our much beloved and faithful Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of our ſaid Province, Greeting: Whereas the meeting of the Provincial Parliament ſtands prorogued to the twentieth day of December inſt. Nevertheleſs for certain cauſes and conſiderations, We have thought fit further to prorogue the ſame to the twentieth day of February next, ſo that you nor any of you on the ſaid twentieth day of December at our City of Quebec to appear are to be held or conſtrained, for We do will that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated, Commanding and by the tenor of theſe preſents firmly enjoining You and every of you and all others in this behalf intereſted, that on the ſaid twentieth day of February next, at Our City of Quebec perſonally You be and appear for the diſpatch of buſineſs, to treat, do, Act and conclude upon thoſe things which in Our ſaid Provincial Parliament by the Common Council of Our ſaid Province by the favour of God may be Ordained. IN TESTIMONY whereof theſe Our Letters we have cauſed to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our ſaid Province to be thereunto affixed. Witneſs our Truſty and well beloved Robert Preſcott, Eſquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunſwick and their Dependancies, Vice Admiral of the ſame, General and Commander in Chief of all our Forces in the ſaid Provinces and in the Iſland of Newfoundland, at the Caſtle of Saint Lewis in our City of Quebec in Our ſaid Province of Lower Canada the fourth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety ſeven and of our Reign the thirty eighth.

FINLAY, C. C. in Ch.

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