

there, to fix and declare the day of the commencement of the said Act within the said Provinces respectively, provided that such day be not later than the thirty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; the Lords of the Committee, in obedience to your Majesty's said Order of Reference, this day took the said letter into their consideration, together with the Act of Parliament therein referred to, and likewise copy of the said paper, describing the line proposed to be drawn for separating the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada; and their Lordships do thereupon agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to your Majesty, that it may be advisable for your Majesty, by your Order in Council, to divide the Province of Quebec into two distinct Provinces, by separating the Province of Upper Canada and Province of Lower Canada, according to the said line or division described in the said paper; and the Lords of the Committee are further of opinion, that it may be advisable for your Majesty, by warrant under your Royal Sign Manual, to authorize the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, or the person administering the Government there, to fix and declare such day for the commencement of the said before-mentioned Act, within the said two Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada respectively, as the said Governor or Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec, or the person administering the Government there, shall judge most advisable; provided that such day shall not be later than the thirty-first day of December in the present year, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one."

His Majesty this day took the said Report into His Royal consideration, and approving of what is therein proposed, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order that the Province of Quebec be divided into two distinct Provinces, to be called the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada by separating the said two Provinces according to the line of division inserted in said order; and His Majesty is hereby further pleased to order that the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, do prepare a Warrant to be passed under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to authorize the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, or the person administering the Government there, to fix and declare such day as they shall judge most advisable for the commencement within the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada respectively, of the said Act passed in the last session of Parliament, entitled "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 the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," provided that such day so to be fixed and declared for the commencement of the said Act within the said two Provinces respectively shall not be later than the twenty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

STEPHEN COTTRELL.

Endorsed,

Order in Council, 24th August, 1791.

Ordering the division of the Province of Quebec into two Provinces, to be called the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada."

The instructions to Lord Dorchester are dated 12th September, following, and these I shall now read :

"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 22nd day of April, in the twenty-sixth year of our reign, constitute