We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion, and We do appoint you for the Rigaud Electoral Division of Our Province of Quebec, and We do command you, the said Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden: and this you are in no wise to omit.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir Frederic Temple, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye, of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye, of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same. At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this Fourth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight, and in the Forty-first Year of Our Reign.

By Command.

R. Pope, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

Then the Honorable Mr. Thibaudeau took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by Robert Le Moine, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed

for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the certificate of one of the Commissioners, setting forth that the Honorable Joseph Rosaure Thibaudeau, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

Sir William Buell Richards, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of

Canada, Deputy Governor, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House "It is the pleasure of Sir William Buell Richards, Deputy Governor, that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

The Honorable the Speaker said:-

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Sir William Buell Richards, Knight, Deputy Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning the present Parliament of the Dominion of Canada until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the causes of calling this Parliament will be declared.