

(Seal of Province.)

(Signed) *MONCK.*

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

{ VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To Colonel John William Gordon, Royal Engineers, C.B., Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty the Queen; Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Lynedoch Gardiner, Royal Artillery; and the Honourable Hamilton Hartly Killaly; and to Captain William Crossman, Royal Engineers, Secretary of this Our Royal Commission, greeting.

KNOW ye that, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, ability, and integrity, We, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, and of Our royal will and pleasure, do by these presents nominate and appoint you, the said John William Gordon, Henry Lynedoch Gardiner, and Hamilton Hartly Killaly, to be Our Commissioners for the following purposes.

Firstly. To inquire into the different points in Our province of Canada at which, in the opinion of you Our Commissioners, defensive works should be raised, the nature of those works; and, if possible, to accompany your report with plans of such works, and estimates of the expense of their construction.

Secondly. To report the mode which you would recommend for the protection of the system of water communication through Our said province, both generally and with reference to the local peculiarities of particular portions of it.

Thirdly. To state your opinion with reference to the maintenance and protection, in the event of war, of the railways of the country.

Fourthly. For your consideration and report of the different modes of access by railroad, water carriage, or ordinary roads, of troops from the United States to Canadian territory, and for suggestions of the localities where the nature of the country affords the best means of defence in the event of an attack by such approaches.

Fifthly and generally. To report a system of fortification and defence for Canada. To have and to hold the office of Commissioners as aforesaid unto you and each of you during Our royal pleasure. And We do further nominate and appoint you, the said William Crossman, Secretary of and to the said Commissioners. And it is Our further will and pleasure, and We do, in pursuance of the statute in that behalf, confer upon you and each of you the said Commissioners, the power of summoning before you any party or witnesses, and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing (or on solemn affirmation, if they be parties entitled to affirm in civil matters), and to produce