

**COMMISSION.**

VICTORIA, by the GRACE OF GOD of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and  
*Ireland* Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To ARTHUR BULLER, Greeting:—

WHEREAS it is highly expedient that an inquiry should be made into the means of education enjoyed by Our subjects in Our Province of Lower Canada, and into the amount, nature and application of the produce of any estates or funds which may have been set apart for, or may be applicable to, purposes of education; and whether the same have been employed in the most beneficial manner for the said purposes: And whereas it is also highly expedient and desirable, that such a system of education should be established as may most conduce to the diffusion of knowledge, religion and virtue: Know ye, therefore, that We, reposing great trust in your zeal, ability and discretion, have nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint you, the said Arthur Buller, to proceed with the utmost despatch to inquire into and investigate the past and present modes of disposing of the produce of any estates or funds set apart for or applicable to purposes of education in the said Province of Lower Canada, and into the present means of education enjoyed by, or within reach of, Our subjects in the said Province: And Our further will and pleasure is, that you, after due examination of the premises, do and shall, as soon as conveniently may be, report to Us, under your hand and seal, what you shall find touching or concerning the premises, upon such inquiry as aforesaid; and also that you shall suggest such alteration, modification and extension of the system of education at present prevailing in Our said Province, or such other management of any estates or funds applicable to such purposes of education, as may in your judgment appear likely to promote the objects aforesaid; and for the better discovery of the truth in the premises, We do by these presents give and grant to you full power and authority to call before you such persons as you may deem necessary, and to inquire of the premises, and every part thereof, by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever: And We do also give and grant to you full power and authority to cause all persons having in their custody any records, orders, regulations, books, papers or other writings relating to, or in anywise connected with, the premises, to bring and produce the same before you; and for your assistance in the due execution of this Our Commission, We do hereby authorize you to nominate and appoint such person or persons as you shall think fit to be Assistant Commissioner or Assistant Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them, and to delegate to him or them such and so many of the powers hereinbefore vested in you as may seem expedient: And Our will is, and We do hereby direct and ordain, that the person or persons so nominated by you shall possess and exercise any powers and authorities so as aforesaid delegated to him or them, in as full and ample a manner as the same are possessed and may be exercised by you under the authority of these presents: And We do hereby further authorize and empower you, at your discretion, to appoint such person as Secretary to this Our Commission as to you shall seem proper.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of Lower Canada to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, Our right trusty and right well-beloved John George Earl of Durham, Viscount Lambton, &c. &c., Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, one of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, and Governor-general, Vice-admiral and Captain-general of all Our Provinces within and adjacent to the Continent of North America, &c. &c. &c. &c.

At Our Castle of St. Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, in Our said Province of Lower Canada, the 4th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1838, and in the second year of Our reign.

*D. Daly*, Secretary of the Province.