

unless upon some urgent occasion, at any meeting of the Council, except between the first day of January and the first day of May. And whereas the state and condition of our said province do require, that immediate provision should be made by law for a great variety of arrangements and regulations essentially necessary to the government; it is therefore our will and pleasure, that you do, within a convenient time, issue summons for the assembling of our said Council in their legislative capacity, either on the first day of April next, or as soon after as may be convenient, in order to deliberate upon, and frame such ordinances, as the condition of affairs within our said province shall require, and as shall, in your and their judgment, be fit and necessary for the welfare of our said province, and the territories thereunto belonging.

10th, You are nevertheless to take especial care, that no ordinance be passed at any meeting of the Council, where less than a majority of the Council is present; or at any time, except between the first day of January and the first day of May, as aforesaid, unless upon some urgent occasion; in which case every Member thereof, resident at Quebec, or within fifty miles thereof, shall be personally summoned to attend the same.

That no ordinance be passed for laying any taxes or duties, such rates and taxes only excepted, as the