

"message to both Houses of Parliament, to be called the Province of Upper Canada,
 "and the Province of Lower Canada; and stating that by sec. 48 of the said Act,
 "it is provided that by reason of the distance of the said Provinces from this country,
 "and of the change to be made by the said Act in the Government thereof, it may be
 "necessary that there should be some interval of time between the notification of the
 "said Act to the said Provinces respectively, and the day of its commencement with-
 "in the said Provinces respectively, and that it should be lawful for Your Majesty,
 "with the advice of your Privy Council, to fix and declare, or to authorize the Gov-
 "ernor or Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, or the person adminster-
 "ing the Government there, to fix and declare the day of the commencement of the said
 "Act within the said Provinces respectively, provided that such day shall not be 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 Par-
 "liament 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 Pro-
 "vince 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, accord-
 "ing to the said line of 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-men-
 "tioned Act, within the said two Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada respectively,
 "as the 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 Pro-
 vinces, 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 Rt. Hon. 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 Lieuten-
 ant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, or the person administering the Govern-
 ment 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 Gov-
 ernment of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provi-
 sion for the Government of 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 thirty-first day of December, one thousand
 seven hundred and ninety-one.

STEPH. 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.