

To all to whom these Presents shall come.—Greeting:

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of our Province of Upper Canada, passed in the seventh year of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled “An Act to authorize the erection of the County of Oxford into a separate District, by the name of the District of “Brock,” it was amongst other things enacted, “That so soon as it shall “be ascertained that a good and sufficient Gaol and Court House have been “erected therein, for the security of Prisoners, and for accommodating “such Courts as shall or may be held within the said new District, it shall “and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person “administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by and “with the advice and consent of the Executive Council in this Province, to “declare, by Proclamation, the townships of Zorra, Nissouri, Blandford, “Blenheim, Oxford (three divisions), Burford, Oakland, Norwich, and “Dereham, to be a separate and distinct District, by the name of “The District of Brock: ” And whereas it appears to us, satisfactorily, that the provisions of the said in part recited Act, in respect to such Gaol and Court House, have been fully complied with: Now KNOW YE, that we, taking the premises into our Royal consideration, and in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, and by and with the advice of our Executive Council in the said Province, do hereby declare and proclaim it to be our Royal will and pleasure, that the said townships, of Zorra, Nissouri, Blandford, Blenheim, Oxford (three divisions), Burford, Oakland, Norwich, and Dereham, shall, from the day of date of this our Royal Proclamation, be and compose a separate and distinct District, to be henceforth called and known by the name of the “District of Brock.” And we do hereby require all our Judges, Sheriffs, Coroners, Justices of the Peace, and other Peace Officers, and all other our liege Subjects, to take due notice of this our Royal Proclamation.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed:—Witness our trusty and well-beloved the Right Honourable Charles Poulett Thomson, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Upper Canada, Lower Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., at Toronto, this Eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine, and in the Third year of our Reign.

C. P. T.

By Command of His Excellency in Council,

C. A. HAGERMAN, *Attorney General*.

R. A. TUCKER, *Secretary*.

PROCLAMATION.

(18 Dec., 1839.)

C. POULETT THOMSON.

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

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WHEREAS a valuable House, the property of Sheldon Hawley, Esquire, situated at the River Trent, in the Newcastle District, in our said Province of Upper Canada, was consumed by fire, on the fourth day of December instant, and there is reason to believe that the fire did not happen accident-