



The Writ.

PROVINCE  
OF  
Canada. } *ELGIN and KINCARDINE.*

*VICTORIA*, by the Grace of GOD, of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the  
Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To Our trusty and well beloved *Denis Benjamin Viger*, Esquire, of the City of  
*Montreal*—

GREETING:—

KNOW ye, that, as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of Our Province of *Canada*, and the Church thereof concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and We do command you the said *Denis Benjamin Viger*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times, whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden: and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James Earl of Elgin and Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the

seventeenth day of February, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

E. &amp; K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. C.

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R. A. TUCKER,  
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Viger* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly. Sworn and takes his seat.

The House was adjourned during pleasure. Adjournment during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed. House resumes.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"— His Excellency comes to the House, and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Who being come, the Speaker of this House said, They attend him accordingly,

*Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Provincial Parliament until a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly shall have been chosen according to Law; but on Monday next, at the hour of three o'clock And are directed to choose a Speaker.