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DORCHESTER'S COMMISSION.

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GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth:

To Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Guy, Lord Dorchester, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath,—Greeting.

WHEREAS, We did by Our Letters Patent, under Our Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the Twenty-second day of April, in the Twenty-sixth year of Our Reign, constitute and appoint you, Guy Lord Dorchester, (then Sir Guy Carleton) to be our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of Quebec in America, comprehending all Our Territories, Islands and countries in North America, then bounded as in Our said recited Letters Patent was mentioned or expressed. Now know ye, that we have revoked and determined, and by these presents Do revoke and determine the said recited Letters Patent and every clause, article or thing therein contained. And whereas We have thought fit by Our Order made in our Privy Council, on the Nineteenth day of August, One thousand seven hundred and Ninety-one, to divide Our said Province of Quebec, into two separate Provinces to be called the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada, by a line to commence at a stone Boundary on the North Bank of Lake Saint Francis, at the cove west of Pointe au Bodét, in the limit between the Township of Lancaster and the Seigneurie of New Longueuil, running along the said limit in the direction of North thirty-four degrees west to the Westernmost angle of the said Seigneurie of New Longueuil, thence along the North Western Boundary of the Seigneurie of Vaudreuil, running North twenty-five degrees East, until it strikes the Ottawa River to ascend the said River into the Lake Tommiscanning, and from the head of the said Lake, by a line drawn due North until it strikes the Boundary Line of Hudson's Bay, the Province of Upper Canada to comprehend all such lands, Territories and Islands lying to the westward of the said line of division as were part of Our said Province of Quebec, and the Province of Lower Canada, to comprehend all such Lands, Territories and Islands lying to the Eastward of the said line of division as were part of Our said Province of Quebec.

AND WHEREAS, by an Act in the present year of Our Reign, intituled 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 Government of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," further provision is thereby made for the Good Government and prosperity of Our said Provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada.

Further, Know Ye, that We, reposing especial Trust and confidence in the prudence, courage and Loyalty of you, the said Guy, Lord Dorchester of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and mere motion have thought fit to constitute and appoint you the said Guy Lord Dorchester to be Our Captain General and