

DALHOUSIE, *Governor.*

GEORGE the FOURTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING :

WHEREAS our loving subjects, John Richardson, William McGillivray, and Samuel Gerrard, Esquires, of our City of Montreal, by their humble Petition presented to our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin, George, Earl of Dalhousie, our Captain-General and Governor-in-chief in and over Our Province of Lower Canada, and read in Council for the said Province, on the ninth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, did, among other things in substance set forth that there had been a subscription set on foot by them for the purpose of erecting a General Hospital in our said City of Montreal; and that sundry public spirited persons, influenced by principles of benevolence, have liberally subscribed towards the same; that, from the manifest utility of such an Hospital, further contributions and donations may be expected, if there be an assurance of permanency to the Institution, and means provided for the management of its concerns; that very considerable progress has been made towards the object in contemplation, by the purchase of a spacious lot of ground in a central situation, in the Saint Lawrence Suburbs of the said City, whereon is erecting a large building, for the body or centre part of the said Hospital, and susceptible of extension hereafter by wings upon a regular plan, which building is now in a state of advancement towards completion, that promises eventual success if a Charter of Incorporation be obtained; and, therefore, the Petitioners humbly prayed for Our Letters Patent forming a Corporation for the purposes aforesaid : NOW WE taking into our Royal consideration, the beneficial tendency of such an Institution, within our said City, calculated for relieving the distresses of the indigent, and preserving the lives of many useful members of the community, are graciously pleased to grant the said humble request of our said loving subjects : KNOW YE, therefore, that We, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, given, granted, ordained, constituted and appointed, and, by these presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, do will, give, grant, ordain, constitute, and appoint, that Thomas Naters, John Molson, John Richardson, William McGill-

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Which, in
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Members of
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