

vinces of Lower and Upper Canada, or if there shall be no such Governor-general or High Commissioner, by the permission of the Governor-in-chief or Governor or other person administering Our Government of Lower Canada, as provided in the said Ordinance; be found at large or come within Our said province, they shall in that case be taken and deemed to be guilty of high treason, and shall suffer death accordingly: And whereas, under the peculiar circumstances of Our said province as aforesaid, it is not less expedient in Our judgment than grateful to Our heart to mark, by an act of Royal grace, Our recollection of the ancient and well-proven loyalty of all Our Canadian subjects, rather than, by any severity of punishment, Our sense of the recent disaffection of some of them: Know ye, therefore, that We have ordained, directed and declared, and by these presents do ordain, direct and declare, that no further proceedings shall be had or taken against any persons whatsoever on account of any high treason or offences of a treasonable nature with which they now stand charged or wherewith they may be chargeable at this time, but that all such proceedings, without exception or distinction, save as hereinafter mentioned, shall henceforth cease and determine: And it is our further will and pleasure, that with the exception of such persons as are in that behalf named in the said Ordinance, and whose cases are thereby provided for, all persons at present in custody and charged with high treason or other offences of a treasonable nature, and also, with such exception as aforesaid, all persons who have withdrawn themselves from the pursuit of justice beyond the limits of Our said province, shall immediately, upon giving such security for their future good and loyal behaviour as Our said Governor-general and High Commissioner, or if there should be no such Governor-general or High Commissioner, then the Governor-in-chief, Governor or the person administering the government of this province, shall direct, be at liberty to return to their homes, and may and shall there remain wholly unmolested by reason of any high treason or other offences of a treasonable nature in which he or they may have been concerned.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Lower Canada to be affixed thereto.

Witness Our right trusty and right well-beloved John George Earl of Durham, Viscount Lambton, &c. &c., Knight Grand Cross of the most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, one of Our most Honourable Privy Council, and Governor-general, Vice-admiral and Captain-general of all Our Provinces within and adjacent to the Continent of North America, &c. &c. &c.

At Our Castle of St. Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, in Our said Province of Lower Canada, the 28th day of June in the year of our Lord 1838, and in the second year of Our reign.

(signed) *D. Daly*, Secretary.