

Durham, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and do by these Presents constitute and appoint, you the said John George Earl of Durham to be during Our Pleasure Our Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over Our said Province of Lower Canada; the said Province being bounded by the adjacent Province of Upper Canada, and the Boundary Line between the said Provinces commencing at a Stone Boundary on the North Bank of the Lake Saint Francis at the Cove West of the Point Au Baudet 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 Ottawas River, to ascend the said River into the Lake Temiscaming, and which said Province of Lower Canada is also bounded by a Line drawn due North from the Head of the said Lake until it strikes the Shore of Hudson's Bay.

And We do hereby require and command you the said John George Earl of Durham to do and execute all Things in due Manner that shall belong to your said Command, and the Trust We have reposed in you, according to the several Powers, Provisions, and Directions granted or appointed you by virtue of Our present Commission, and of such Instructions as are herewith given to you, or which may from Time to Time be hereafter given to you by Us under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and according to such Laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force within Our said Province of Lower Canada.

And Our Will and Pleasure is, that you the said John George Earl of Durham, as soon as may be after the Publication of these Our Letters Patent, do take the Oaths appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of King George the First, entitled "An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants; and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors," as altered and explained by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled "An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration and the Assurance; and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh Year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, entitled 'An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the Two Kingdoms,' as after the Time therein limited requires the Delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons indicted of High Treason or Misdemeanor of Treason," or in lieu thereof the Oath required to be taken by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, entitled "An Act for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects," according as the said former Acts or the said last-mentioned Act shall be applicable to your Case: And likewise, that you take the usual Oath for the due Execution and Performance of the Office and Trust of Our Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of Our said Province of Lower Canada, and for the due and impartial Administration of Justice: And further, that you take the Oath required to be taken by Governors of Plantations, to do their utmost that the several Laws relating to Trade and Plantations be duly observed: All which said Oaths the Executive Council of Our said Province of Lower Canada, or any Three or more of the Members of the said Executive Council, have hereby full Power and Authority, and are required to administer unto you: All which being duly performed, you the said John George Earl of Durham shall administer unto each of the Members of Our said Executive Council such of the said Oaths mentioned in the said several Acts as shall be applicable to the Case of the individual Member of Our said Council taking the same; and you are also to administer to them the usual Oaths for the due Execution of their Places and Trusts.

And whereas We may find it convenient for Our Service that certain Offices or Places within Our said Province of Lower Canada should be filled by Our Subjects who may profess the Religion of the Church of Rome: It is therefore Our Will and Pleasure, that in all Cases where such Persons shall or may be admitted into any such Offices or Places the Oath prescribed in and by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty