

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 Governor-in-Chief of our said Province of Upper Canada, and of our said Province of Lower Canada, respectively, bounded as hereinbefore described.

On the 16th of the same month (Sept., 1791) instructions, signed by the King's own hand, were issued to Lord Dorchester, in which the boundaries set down in the foregoing commission of the 12th of the same month are particularly mentioned as among the things to be made public, as will be seen on reference to the following:—

EXTRACT from His Majesty's Instructions to His Excellency Lord Dorchester, dated at St. James', the 16th September, 1791, viz. :—

1st. With these our instructions, you will receive our commission under our Great Seal of Great Britain constituting you our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada, *bounded as in our said commission is particularly expressed.* In the execution, therefore, of so much of the office and Trust we have reposed in you, as relates to our Province of Lower Canada, you are to take upon you the administration of the Government of the said Province, and to do and execute all things belonging to your command according to the several powers and authorities of our said commission under our Great Seal of Great Britain, and of the Act passed in the present year of our reign therein recited, and of these our instructions to you, and according to such further powers and instructions as you shall at any time hereafter receive under our Signet and Sign Manuals, or by our order in our Privy Council.

2nd. And you are with all due solemnity, before the members of our Executive Council, to cause our said Commission to be read and published, which being done, you shall then take, and also administer to each of the members of our said Executive Council, the oaths mentioned in an Act passed in the first year of His late Majesty King George the First.

On the 18th November following the much discussed Proclamation of General Alured Clarke was issued, but leaving its consideration aside for the moment, your Committee beg to draw the attention of your Honorable House to the fact that for a period of nearly forty-seven years, intervening between the 16th September, 1791, the date of the foregoing instructions to Lord Dorchester, and the 30th March, 1838, the descriptions of boundaries in the commissions and instructions to the Governors were all precisely the same as those in the commission of 12th September, 1791, above quoted.

On the latter date (30th March, 1838) the description of the boundaries of Upper Canada having evidently been very carefully reconsidered, was given as follows:—

30TH MARCH, 1838.

JOHN GEORGE, EARL OF DURHAM.—*Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Upper Canada.*

Our said Province of Upper Canada; the said Province being bounded on the east by the line dividing that Province from Lower Canada, beginning at a stone boundary on the north bank of the Lake St. Francis at the Cove west of the Point au Beudet 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 Temiscaming, the said Province of Upper Canada being also