

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

Writ and Return shall be by him sent to the Sheriff of the District from whence the Writ was originally awarded, to be delivered into the Court that issued the same. The Sheriff executing such Writ shall be answerable for his Doings relative thereto before the Court from which it was originally awarded, and the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the one District may in like manner award Execution against the Body of a Person residing in the other in Cases where such Execution is by the Law allowed ; and the Sheriff executing the Writ to him in such case directed shall convey the Body of such Person into the Prison of the District wherein such Person shall be arrested.

Art 40. That the Ordinance shall continue and be in force from and during Two Years, from the First Day of May next, and unto the End of the Sessions of the Legislative Council which will be in the Year of our Lord 1787.

(signed)

HENRY HAMILTON.

Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and passed in Council under the Public Seal of the Province at the Council Chamber in the Castle of S^t Lewis in the City of Quebec, the 21st day of April, in the Twenty Fifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, &c. &c. &c. and in the Year of our Lord 1785.

By the Lieutenant Governor's Command.

HOPE TO SYDNEY.¹QUEBEC 2^d November 1785

MY LORD,

Having had the honour in my Letter of the 24th ult^o to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Dispatches inclosing the kings commission of Lieutenant Governor,² I have now to acquaint your Lordship that I have this day been sworn into Office and have assumed the Command of His Majesty's Province of Quebec. Business of various kinds that was pending, and which L^t Gov^r Hamilton could with greater propriety expedite and conclude, induced me to acquiesce with cheerfulness in his proposal not to fix upon an earlier day for his resigning the seals of the Province into my hands.

¹ Canadian Archives, Q 25, p. 220. When Hamilton was dismissed, Col. Henry Hope, who had been acting as Quarter-master General, was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and received the appointment of Lieut. Governor, as announced in a despatch from Lord Sydney, dated Aug. 20th, 1785. See Q 25, p. 35. As he had been a favourite of Haldimand and a strong opponent of Hamilton, the policy of the Government, as may be gathered from this despatch, was immediately changed on his assumption of office.

² It was in his letter of Oct. 21st, that he acknowledged this despatch from Sydney. See Q 25, p. 109.