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VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*
 QUEEN, *Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To all to whom these presents shall come.—GREETING :

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Dominion of Canada, and to have their advice in Parliament; We do make known Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a Parliament, and to further declare that by the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, We have, this day, given Orders for issuing Our Writs in due form, for calling a Parliament in Our said Dominion, which Writs are to bear date on the TWENTY-FOURTH day of APRIL instant, to be returnable on the THIRTEENTH day of JULY next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor, the Right Honourable Sir JOHN CAMPBELL HAMILTON-GORDON, Earl of Aberdeen; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Baronet of Nova Scotia; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our CITY OF OTTAWA, this TWENTY-FOURTH day of APRIL, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the Fifty-nine year of Our Reign.

By Command,

SAM'L E. ST. O. CHAPLEAU,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.