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INSTRUCTIONS TO LORD DORCHESTER, 1786.<sup>1</sup>

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 (Instructions  
 Quebec 1786-  
 1791.)

Instructions to Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Guy Lord Dorchester, Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath—Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of Quebec in America, and of all Our Territories dependent thereupon—Given at Our Court at St. James's the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of August 1786. In the Twenty Sixth Year of Our Reign.

First. . . . 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 Province of Quebec in America, and all Our Territories thereunto belonging bounded and described as in Our said Commission is set forth ; In execution therefore of the Trust We have reposed in You, You are to take upon You, the Administration of the Government, and to do and execute all Things belonging to your Command according to the several Powers and Authorities of Our said Commission, and these Our Instructions to You, or according to such further Powers & Instructions, as you shall at any time hereafter receive under Our Signet & Sign Manual, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council, and you are to call together at Quebec the following Persons whom We do hereby constitute and appoint to be Our Council for the Affairs of Our said Province and the Territories thereunto belonging Viz<sup>t</sup> Henry Hope Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieutenant Gov<sup>r</sup> of Our said Province of Quebec, or the Lieutenant Governor of Our said Province for the time being : William Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Chief Justice of Our said Province of Quebec or the Chief Justice of Our said Province for the Time being, Hugh Finlay, Thomas Dunn, Francis Les Vesques, Edward Harrison, John Collins, Adam Mabane, Chaussegros de Lery, George Pownall Secretary of Our said Province of Quebec, or the Secretary of Our said Province for the Time being, Picotté de Bellestres, John Fraser, Henry Caldwell, William Grant, Rocque St Ours Jun<sup>r</sup> Francis Baby De Longueuil, Samuel Holland and George Davison Esquires, Sir John Johnson Bar<sup>t</sup>, Charles de Lanaudiere de Boucherville & Compté du Pré Esquires, every one of which respectively shall enjoy his Office of Councillor aforesaid during Our Will and Pleasure and his residence within Our said Province of Quebec and not otherwise.

<sup>1</sup> Canadian Archives, Q 26B. formerly M 230, p. 231. Just before leaving for America Sir Guy Carleton was raised to the Peerage as Baron Dorchester. He arrived in Quebec on Oct. 23rd, 1786. On comparing these Instructions with those given to Carleton in 1775 and Haldimand in 1778, it will be observed that the changes are not very numerous, beyond embodying the additional instructions issued in the interval, as in articles 2, 16, 37, and 40 to 43; or readjusting the wording to harmonize with certain ordinances passed in the meantime, as in articles 12 and 14.