

And whereas by an Act passed in the First Year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to make temporary Provision for the Government of Lower Canada," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for Us, by any Commission or Commissions to be from time to time issued under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, or by any Instructions under our Signet and Sign Manual, and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to constitute a Special Council for the affairs of Our said Province of Lower Canada; and for that purpose to appoint or authorise the Governor of Our said Province to appoint such and so many Special Councillors as to Us should seem meet, and to make such provision as to Us should seem meet for the removal, suspension, or resignation of all or any such Councillors :

Now know you, that, in pursuance of the powers so vested in Us by the said recited Act, We have, with the advice of Our Privy Council, by these present Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual, thought fit to constitute, and with the advice aforesaid do hereby constitute, such Special Council for the affairs of Lower Canada, and for that purpose have authorised, and do hereby authorise you to appoint not less than five Special Councillors for the purposes of the said Act.

It is nevertheless Our pleasure, and We do hereby direct, that such persons only shall be appointed by you Special Councillors in pursuance hereof, and of the said Act, as shall be persons of approved loyalty and good life, and as shall be of the full age of twenty-one years, and as shall be Our subjects, natural-born or duly naturalised; and We do hereby provide and declare, that all or any such Councillors may at their pleasure resign such their offices, and that it shall be competent to you, upon any good and sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend any such Councillor; and We do hereby reserve to Us full power and authority from time to time, as to Us shall seem meet, to remove all or any such Councillors.

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LORD DURHAM'S PROCLAMATION Dissolving Special Council.

EXTRACT from the *Quebec Gazette*, dated 1 June 1838.

Office of the Secretary of the Province, 1 June 1838.

His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased, by letters patent under the Great Seal of the Province, bearing date this day, to dissolve the Special Council which stood prorogued to the 16th June.

— 3. —

LORD DURHAM'S LETTER to the Members of the Executive Council, dispensing with their Attendance.

EXTRACT from the *Quebec Gazette*, dated 1 June 1838.

Sir, Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 31 May 1838.

I AM directed by his Excellency the Governor-general to acquaint you that it is not his intention to continue the Executive Council according to its present composition, and that your services, therefore, will not be required for the present.

His Excellency has come to this determination not from any feeling of dissatisfaction with the conduct of that Council, or of any of its members; on the contrary, his Excellency particularly directs me to express his high sense of your services, and his esteem and respect for yourself personally; but his Excellency deems it essential for the objects of his mission that during the temporary suspension of the constitution the administrator of affairs should be completely