

(Signed,) J. C. SHERBROOKE.



GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith: To our much beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of Lower Canada, and to our faithful and well beloved the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of our said Province, Greeting:—Whereas the meeting of our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the twentieth day of December instant, nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations we have thought fit further to prorogue the same to the fifteenth day of January next; so that you nor any of you on the aforesaid twentieth day of December, at our City of Quebec, to appear are to be held or constrained, for we do will that you and each of you be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated: commanding and by the tenor of these presents firmly enjoining you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the said *Fifteenth day of January*, at our City of Quebec, personally you be and appear for the DISPATCH OF BUSINESS; to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of the said Province, by the favor of God may be ordained: In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, the fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the fifty-seventh year of our Reign,

(Signed) J. C. S.

(Signed) THOMAS DOUGLASS, Clk. Cn. in Ch.