18th January.

Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of Montreal, in Our said Province of Canada, the twenty-third day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

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R. A. TUCKER,

Registrar.

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Sworn and takes his seat. Then the Honorable Mr. E. Taché came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced.

The Hon. J. When the Honorable James Leslie was Leslie introducod as a Mem. introduced between two Honorable Members ber, and of this House.

Presents his Writ of Sum. mons. Then the Honorable Mr. James Leslie presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows :--



PROVINCE OF Canada. ELGIN and KINCARDINE. The Writ.

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

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved James Leslie, Esquire, of the City of Montreal—

GREETING:

NOW ye, that as well for the especial V trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of Our Province of Canada, and the Church thereof concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and We do command you the said James Leslie, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our-Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

> In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova. Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of Montreal, in Our said Province of Canada, the twenty-third day of May, in the year of Our Lord one