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authorities and functions to the said office belonging unto you, the said Lyman Poore Duff, for and during my pleasure."

It will be observed that the Governor General reserved to himself the power of dissolving the Parliament of Canada.

In addition to the Commission of Sir Lyman Duff, His Excellency has issued Commissions to Mr. Justice Rinfret, the late Mr. Justice Cannon, Mr. Justice Kerwin and Mr. Justice Davis, in terms similar to the Commission of Sir Lyman Duff. The Governor General's Secretary and the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General also hold Commissions as Deputy of the Governor General and sign formal instruments, such as transfers of land, and the like, with the view of saving the Governor General physical exertion in signing a large number of instruments. For example, the Writs issued after the Dissolution of the 18th Parliament were signed by Mr. F. L. C. Pereira, as Deputy of the Governor General.

The Commission appointing a Deputy Governor General terminates, of course, with the retirement of a Governor General and would not have effect in the event of the office becoming vacant by reason of the death, incapacity, removal or absence of the Governor General. In that event, the Chief Justice of Canada would issue a Proclamation and assume office as Administrator.