

No. 51.  
Earl Gosford to  
Lord Glenelg,  
22 November 1837.

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REPORT of Ex-COUNCIL on State of the Province, 20 November 1837.

Monday, 20 November 1837.

At the Council Chamber in the Castle of St. Lewis.

Present :

His Excellency the Earl of Gosford, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.

The honourable Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Pemberton,  
Mr. Punet,  
Mr. Debartzch, and  
Mr. Quesnel.

His Excellency laid before the Board the official Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General, dated 18th November 1837, on the disturbed state of certain parts of the district of Montreal, and the measures adopted by them in consequence thereof.

His Excellency further laid before the Council a letter from I. Jobson, a Justice of the Peace, and major of militia, dated St. Valentin, county of Acadie, 16th November 1837, detailing the state of his neighbourhood; and his Excellency having brought under the notice of the Board the present aspect of affairs and the progress of resistance to the civil authorities in certain parts of this Province, requested their advice with reference to the state of the Province generally, the results likely to ensue, and what measures and precautions should be adopted by the Executive, if matters do not take a more favourable turn.

Whereupon it was ordered, with the advice of the Board, that inasmuch as the civil authorities have proved insufficient in certain parts of the District of Montreal to carry the law into effect without the aid of the military force, it will become expedient, should such a state of things continue, to declare those parts of the said district in a state of insurrection and rebellion.

Certified,

*George H. Ryland.*

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REPORT of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of 22 November 1837.

Wednesday, 22 November 1837.

Encl. 6, in No. 51.

At the Council Chamber in the Castle of St. Lewis.

Present :

His Excellency the Earl of Gosford, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.

The honourable Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Pemberton,  
Mr. Punet,  
Mr. Debartzch and  
Mr. Sheppard.

His Excellency laid before the Board the official communication from the Attorney-General, stating that warrants had been issued for the apprehension of Louis Joseph Papineau and 26 others, for high treason; and there being reason to suppose that Mr. Papineau had absconded from Montreal, and that he is now in the district of Quebec;

It was ordered, by the advice of the Board, and after having examined Mr. Duval, one of the Queen's counsel on the subject, that immediate steps be taken for the apprehension of Mr. Papineau; and that it being expedient that a warrant, signed by a Justice of the Peace for the Five Districts of Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, St. Francis and Gaspé, should issue for this purpose, it was further ordered, that Mr. Duval be directed to draft the warrant in accordance with the advice given by him on the subject.

Certified,

*George H. Ryland.*