

And whereas in the parts of the said District in which the said conspiracy hath not as yet broken out in open rebellion, large numbers of such persons, so calling themselves Patriots, for the execution of such their wicked designs, have planned means of open violence, and formed arrangements for raising and arming an organized and disciplined force, and in furtherance of their purpose, have frequently assembled in great and unusual numbers; And whereas the exertions of the Civil Power are ineffectual for the suppression of the aforesaid traitorous and wicked Conspiracy and Rebellion, and for the protection of the lives and properties of Her Majesty's loyal subjects; And whereas the Courts of Justice in the said District of Montreal have virtually ceased to exist, from the impossibility of executing any legal process or warrant of arrest therein; And whereas the public safety requires that Law Martial should be exercised; Now, therefore, I have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council of this Province, to issue this Proclamation, to the end that it may be made manifest, that I shall arrest and punish, and cause to be arrested and punished, all persons who have been hitherto, and who now are, or hereafter may be anywise acting, aiding or assisting in the said Conspiracy and Rebellion, and who hereafter may be anywise acting, aiding or assisting in any other Conspiracy and Rebellion within the said District of Montreal, according to Martial Law, either by death or otherwise, as to me shall seem right and expedient, for the punishment of all rebels in the said District.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Government House in the City of Montreal, in the Province of Lower Canada, the fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

THOMAS LEIGH GOLDIE,
Acting Secretary of the Province.