

*To His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet,
Governor General of the Province of Lower Canada,
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

At a moment when every member of society ought to render himself useful, for the public good, I have thought that I might in some sort contribute thereto by abridging, in a succinct manner, the Laws which govern the Militia of this Province.

This Abstract I presume to offer to your Excellency as a first tribute of the esteem and profound respect which I bear towards the Government.

I venture to flatter myself that this compendium, if it receive your Excellency's approbation, may facilitate to the public the understanding of the Acts and Ordinance of which it is an abridgment.

The Canadians, who compose a very large majority of the Militia of this Province, will, at a glance, perceive the whole extent of their duties and of their rights. They will become convinced that the Legislature, in thus modifying the obedience which they owe to their Sovereign, has sought only to perpetuate their happiness and their prosperity—And that the powers of the King's Representative have no other force than for their defence and protection.

Such is the object of this work. I shall be happy if it prove agreeable to your Excellency, and of some utility to my Countrymen.

I have the honor to be, with the most profound respect,

Your Excellency's most humble

and very obedient servant;

L. LEVESQUE.