

such papers, records and documents, of every description, as you, our Commissioners as aforesaid, shall judge necessary, with a view to obtain such information as you may deem requisite for your guidance and assistance in investigating the several matters and things as aforesaid, in the respective Departments of the Government.

AND KNOW YE FURTHER, that reposing trust and confidence in the loyalty, integrity and ability, of you, the said *James Hopkirk*, we have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint you, the said *James Hopkirk*, to be the *Secretary* to our Commissioners as aforesaid, hereby enjoining you, as such, to fulfil and perform all such lawful duties and commands as you, the said *James Hopkirk*, may from time to time receive from them, the said Robert Baldwin Sullivan, William Allan, Augustus Baldwin, William Henry Draper, Richard Alexander Tucker, Robert Sympton Jameson, John Henry Dunn, John Macaulay, John Simcoe Macaulay, Levius Peters Sherwood, James Buchanan Macaulay, Jonas Jones, Archibald McLean, Christopher Alexander Hagerman, Charles Chichester, Henry Sherwood, John McCaul, Henry J. Grasett, Samuel B. Harrison, and William Hepburn, as our Commissioners as aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well-beloved SIR GEORGE ARTHUR, K. C. H., Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, and Major General Commanding our Forces therein, at Toronto, this twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, and in the third year of our Reign.

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By Command of His Excellency.

C. A. HAGERMAN,
*Attorney General.*R. A. TUCKER,
Secretary.

LETTER.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
22nd October, 1839.

SIR,

In accordance with the address of the House of Assembly, during the last Session, I have this day caused a Commission to be issued, under the Great Seal, directed to certain Commissioners, of whom you are one, to inquire into and investigate the several Departments of the Public Service.

Being anxious that proceedings should, at as early a period as possible, be taken under the Commission, I transmit the Commission to you, and have caused the several members of the Commission to be notified to meet at the Council Chamber, on Friday morning next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, in order that the Commission may be opened, and the course of business determined upon.

I can only add the earnest desire I feel, and which I beg to impress upon all the Commissioners, that the utmost despatch should be used, which is consistent with a careful discharge of this important duty, so that the Reports may receive my consideration, and be prepared for the House of Assembly at its meeting.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G^{EO}. ARTHUR.

The Hon. R. B. SULLIVAN, &c. &c. &c.

MINUTE.

With a view to institute such an enquiry into the business, conduct, and organization