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Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved the Honorable George William Howlan, of Our Province of Prince Edward Island, in Our Dominion of Canada.

GREETING :---

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence we have manifested in you as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arducus affairs which may the State and Defence of our Dominion of *Canada* concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion, and we do command you, the said Honorable *George William Howlan*, that all difficulties and excuses laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Senate of Our said Dominion at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir FREDERICK TENPLE, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye, of Clandeboys in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboys of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same. At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottows, in Our Dominion of Canada, this eighteenth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Right Hundred and Seventy-three, and in the Thirty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

By Command,

HENRY. E. STEELE.

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

The Honorable Mr. Howlan came to the Table and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *Robert Le Moine*, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table a Certificate of the Commissioner, setting forth that the Honorable George William Howlan, a Member of the Senate, had made and Subscribed the Declamation of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Hozorable Mr. Campbell presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act "relating to Railwaya."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk,-