

ute, act, ordinance, or provision, or other matter and thing to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: provided further, and our will and pleasure is, that the said Society and Corporation of the Montreal General Hospital is hereby constituted, made, erected, and created with the express reservation and condition, that our Letters Patent relating thereto, may be hereafter altered and amended in such manner and form, and with such additions, diminutions, extensions, and explanations, as our Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Person administering the Government of our Province of Lower-Canada, by and with the advice, and consent of our Executive Council of our said Province, shall judge best for the general good of the said Corporation, and for the more effectually promoting the charitable and beneficial designs of the said Society, according to the true intent and meaning of the contributors thereto. In testimony whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our Province to be hereunto affixed, and the same to be entered of record in our Secretary's Office, and for our said Province of Lower-Canada, in one of the books of Patents there remaining, Witness our Right Trusty, and Right Well Beloved Cousin, George, Earl of Dalhousie, our Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our said Province of Lower-Canada, at our Castle of St. Lewis, in our City of Quebec, by and with the advice and consent of our Executive Council for our said Province of Lower-Canada, the thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and of our Reign the Fourth.

(Signed)

LS. MONTIZAMBERT,
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Hitherto this Hospital had been governed under the rules and regulations of the former, with only such alterations or amendments as might be considered necessary for its enlarged scale. Some farther alteration however was required in conformity with the tenure of the Charter. To make these alterations a meeting of the Directors (now called by the letters patent Governors) was held, and a committee formed for the purpose. These drew up from the previous rules, and in conformity with the provisions of the charter a code of laws which were submitted and approved of at a general meeting in April 1823, by which the Institution is governed, and under which it has attained a state of prosperity, perhaps unparalleled in any establishment of the kind, which had its origin from so small a beginning, and has only been in existence for so few years.

There is one circumstance connected with this institution which, deserves to be particularly noticed; although it is from motives of the most commendable nature, in such a state that to attempt to seek its origin or enquire from whence the benefit sprung would be perhaps committing a violation on feelings of the most pure and delicate description. It will be observed from the statement of the expences above given, that in the month of May 1823, there was a debt upon the establishment amounting £4099, 6s. 10d. at a subsequent meeting the directors had the high gratification to learn from