

He entered the Council Chamber and took his seat at the Head of the Council Table.

The names of the Councillors were then called over by the Clerk.

Excuses from the following Gentlemen, for not being present at the opening of the Council, were laid upon the table by the Clerk, viz :—

Messrs. *Charles E. C. De Lery.* .
Marc P. De Sales Laterrière.
Amable Dionne, and
Charles E. Casgrain.

His Excellency laid before the Council the following documents, which were read by the Clerk, and are as followeth :—

PROVINCE OF }
 LOWER CANADA. } J. COLBORNE.

By His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir John Colborne, Knight Grand Cross, of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, and of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, and Administrator of the Government of the said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,—GREETING :—

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by the Ninth Chapter of the Statute of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, intituled, "*An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada,*" passed in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady the Queen VICTORIA, it is among other things enacted that the said Act shall be proclaimed by the Governor of the said Province of *Lower Canada*, within the said Province, and shall commence and take effect, within the said Province, from the Proclamation thereof; And, whereas, it is further enacted in and by the said Act of Parliament, that for the purpose of that Act any person authorized to execute the Commission of Governor of the Province of *Lower Canada*, shall be taken to be the Governor thereof;—And, whereas, I, the said Sir JOHN COLBORNE have been and am duly authorized and empowered by Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, to execute the Commission of Governor of the said Province of *Lower Canada*; Now, therefore, know ye, that I, the said Sir JOHN COLBORNE, being authorized to execute the Commis-