



PROVINCE
OF } *ELGIN and KINCARDINE.*
Canada.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the
Faith, &c. &c. &c.*

To all to whom these presents shall come,
or whom the same may concern—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

Proclamation
of 17th March,
1848, assent-
ing to the Cus-
toms Duties
Bill.

WHEREAS, in and by an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the Session held in the ninth and tenth years of Our Reign, numbered among the public general Acts of the said Session as chapter ninety-four, and intituled, "An Act to enable the Legislatures of certain British possessions to reduce or repeal certain duties of Customs," it is provided, That whenever the Legislature, or other Legislative Authority of any of the British Possessions in America, or the Mauritius, make or pass any Act or Ordinance, Acts or Ordinances, reducing or repealing all or any of the duties of Customs imposed by the Act of the said Parliament passed in the Session held in the eighth and ninth years of Our Reign, numbered among the public general Acts of the said last mentioned Session as chapter ninety-three, and intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad," upon certain Articles imported into such Provinces, and that if We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, should Assent to such Act or Ordinance, Acts or Ordinances, such duties of Customs should, upon the Proclamation of such Assent in the Colony, or at any time thereafter which may be fixed by such Act or Ordinance, be reduced or repealed in such Province, as if such reduction or repeal had been effected by an Act of the Imperial Legislature, any thing in any Act to the contrary notwith-

standing. And Whereas, an Act for the purposes mentioned in the said first mentioned Act of Our Imperial Parliament and for other purposes therein mentioned, was passed by Our Parliament of *Canada*, in the Session of the said last mentioned Parliament, held in the tenth and eleventh years of Our Reign, numbered among the Acts of the said last mentioned Session, as chapter thirty-one, and intituled, "An Act for repealing and consolidating the present duties of Customs in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned," by which said last mentioned Act, it is among other things enacted, That the said last mentioned Act should come into full force and effect upon from and after, and not before such day as should be appointed for that purpose in any Proclamation to be issued by Our Governor in Council, proclaiming Our Assent to the said last mentioned Act, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, and appointing the day upon from and after which the said last mentioned Act should come into full force and effect, provided that such day should not be before the fifth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. And whereas We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to Assent to the said Act of Our said Provincial Parliament. Now know ye, that, by this Our Royal Proclamation, issued by Our Governor in Council of this Our Province, according to the provisions of the said Acts, We do hereby proclaim and make known such Our Royal Assent to the said last mentioned Act; and Know ye further, that, under the authority of the said Acts, and in pursuance of the provisions of the same, We have thought fit to appoint, and by this Our Royal Proclamation issued as aforesaid, We do hereby appoint the fifth day of April next, as the day upon from and after which the said last mentioned Act shall come and be in full force and effect; of all which premises Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents do or may in any wise concern are hereby required to take notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved