

and fair notice afforded, so as to diminish, as much as possible, any loss to individuals engaged in the trade.

I have the honor to be, SIR,  
Your most obedient, humble servant,  
T. W. C. MURDOCH,  
*Chief Secretary.*

The Honorable PETER M'GILL, }  
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It is therefore probable that if the differential duties in favour of timber from the British Colonies be reduced, full information and time will be afforded to all concerned, so as not to prejudice existing engagements.

The United States were enshrouded in gloom by the unexpected death of President Harrison, on the 4th of April, after a short illness, having held the Presidency only one month. An universal tribute of respect was paid to his memory, on the day of his interment, by all parties in the States. Mr. Tyler, the Vice President, assumed the Presidency, under the provisions of the Constitution.

Nothing definite has yet transpired respecting Mr. McLeod. It is probable that the death of the President would delay the negotiation in some degree. Mr. McLeod's case has been introduced into the Legislature of New York, and sundry speeches made thereon, but no decision had yet been made. Mr. Hoffman vindicated Mr. McLeod, and moved an amendment to bring in a bill, "to enter a *nolle prosequi* on the indictment, and to grant Mr. McLeod a safe conduct to his Sovereign."

His Excellency Lord Sydenham had an attack of illness during the past month, but has recovered. T. W. C. Murdoch, Esq., Chief Secretary was appointed Deputy Governor, so far related to signing warrants for money, marriage licenses, &c.

The Quebec Official Gazette, of the 22nd April, contains a Proclamation establishing Municipal Districts in what was Lower Canada, according to the provisions of an Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council. These consist of twenty-two, and are called the Districts of Quebec, Portneuf, Sagueway, Rimouski, Kamouraska, Saint Thomas, Dorchester, Chaudiere, Nicolet, Sherbrooke, Missisquoi, Richelieu, Saint Hyacinthe, Saint Johns, Beauharnois, Montreal, Sydenham, Lake of Two Mountains, Terrebonne, Leinster, Berthier, and Three Rivers.

The Provincial Parliament is summoned for the *Despatch of Business*, by the following Proclamation.

PROVINCE OF } SYDENHAM.  
CANADA. }

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

To our well beloved and faithful, the Legislative Councillors of the Province of Canada, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of our said Province, at our TOWN OF KINGSTON, on the eighth day of the present month of April, to have been commenced and held, and every of You.—

GREETING :

WHEREAS for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us, the state and defence of our said Province concerning, We did summon and command you on the day and at the place aforesaid to be present, to treat, consent, and conclude upon those things, which, in our said Provincial Parliament, should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon; We, for divers causes and considerations Us to this especially moving, have thought fit to prorogue our said Provincial Parliament until the TWENTY-SIXTH day of MAY next, so that You nor any of You on the said Eighth day of the present month of April, at our said Town to appear, shall in no wise be held or constrained; for We do will that You and each of You, be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; and commanding and by these presents firmly enjoining You and every of You, and all others in this behalf interested—that on the said TWENTY-SIXTH day of MAY next, at our TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON, personally You be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in our said Provincial Parliament by the Common Council of our said Province may by the favour of GOD be ordained.

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 well beloved the Right Honourable CHARLES, BARON SYDENHAM, of Sydenham, in the County of Kent, and Toronto in Canada, one of our most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same.

At our Government House, in our City of Montreal, in our said Province of Canada, the SIXTH day of APRIL, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-One, and in the Fourth year of our Reign

THOMAS AMIOT,  
*Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.*

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