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PATENT CREATING NEW DISTRICTS.<sup>1</sup>

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE QUEBEC GAZETTE.

(Signed)

DORCHESTER, G:

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all Our loving Subjects, Greeting : Whereas Our Province of Quebec stands at present divided only into two Districts, and by virtue of two certain Acts or Ordinances, the one passed by Our Governor and the Legislative Council, in the twenty-seventh year of Our Reign, and the other in the present year, provision is made for forming and organizing one or more new Districts : Now therefore Know Ye, That Our Governor of Our said Province, by the advice and consent of Our Council of Our said Province, and in pursuance of the Acts and Ordinances aforesaid, hath formed, and doth hereby form the several new Districts herein after described and named, to wit, the District of Lunenburg, bounded on the East by the Eastern-limit of a tract lately called or known by the name of *Lancaster*, protracted Northerly and Southerly as far as Our said Province extends, and bounded Westerly by a North and South line intersecting the mouth of the river *Gananoque*, now called the *Thames*,<sup>2</sup> above the rifts of the *Saint Lawrence*, and extending Southerly and Northerly to the limits of Our said Province, therein comprehending the several towns or tracts called or known by the names of *Lancaster*, *Charlottenburg*, *Cornwall*, *Osnabruck*, *Williamsburg*, *Matilda*, *Edwardsburg*, *Augusta* and *Elizabeth-Town* ; And also one other District to be called the

<sup>1</sup> Canadian Archives Minutes of Privy Council, Vol. E. p. 292. See also Q 39 p. 122. On December 27th 1787 the Governor laid before the Executive Council a draught of the patent for establishing additional districts in the new settlements above Montreal. Journals of the Ex. Council. Vol. D. p. 399. On the 20th. March 1788 a draught of the patent for five new districts was referred to a Committee of Council. *ibid.* Vol. E. p. 149. Finally on May 14th the Governor submitted to them the propriety of forming the new districts as proposed. A new proclamation for that purpose having been prepared it was ordered that it should issue under the Great Seal. *ibid.* p. 292. As we see it was officially proclaimed on July 24th 1788. As stated in the introduction, the Patent was issued in accordance with the Ordinance of April 30th, 1787. See p. 860

<sup>2</sup> This name was not permanently adopted, that of "Gananoque" being retained. But at the instance of Lt. Governor Simcoe, the River "Tranche" in western Ontario was afterwards named "Thames."