

“ Government thereof, and for purposes connected therewith, it is, amongst other things, enacted, that where the Governor General assents to a Bill in the Queen's name, he shall, by the first convenient opportunity, send an authenticated copy of the Act to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and if the Queen in Council within two years after receipt thereof by the Secretary of State, thinks fit to disallow the Act, such disallowance (with a certificate of the Secretary of State of the day on which the Act was received by him) being signified by the Governor General, by Speech or Message to each of the Houses of the Parliament, or by Proclamation, shall annul the Act, from and after the day of such signification.

“ AND WHEREAS on the 3rd day of May, 1873, a certain Bill, passed by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, entitled ‘ An Act to provide for the examination of Witnesses on Oath, by Committees of the Senate and House of Commons, in certain cases ’ was assented to by the Governor General of the said Dominion of Canada; and whereas the said Act of the Parliament of Canada has been laid before Her Majesty, in Council, and it is expedient that the said Act should be disallowed by Her Majesty :

“ Now, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to Her Majesty, as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, declare Her disallowance of the said Act of the Parliament of Canada. And the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State is to give the necessary directions herein, accordingly.

ARTHUR HELPS.”

[COPY.]

“ COLONIAL OFFICE, DOWNING STREET.

“ I, John, Earl of Kimberley, being one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby certify that the Act passed by the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, intituled, ‘ An Act to provide for the examination of Witnesses on Oath by Committees of the Senate and House of Commons, in certain cases, ’ was received at this Department on the 22nd day of May, 1873.

“ Given under my hand and Seal, this 1st day of July, 1873.

“ KIMBERLEY.”

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Senate and House of Commons, the accompanying papers relative to the prorogation of Parliament on the 13th day of August last.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, OCTOBER 23RD, 1873.

No. 197.

CANADA, August 15th, 1873.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to state, for Your Lordship's information, that at half-past three of the afternoon of Wednesday, the 13th instant, I prorogued Parliament.

As this event is likely to be regarded with dissatisfaction by one of the great political parties in this country, and has been already animadverted upon in no measured