

Her Majesty's Name which announces the latter Act of Grace at the same Time with the Ordinance which inflicts the Punishment.

These Measures have met with the entire Approbation of Sir John Colborne and of the Heads of what is called the British Party: they declared they did not require any sanguinary Punishment, but they desired Security for the future, and the Certainty that the returning Tranquillity of the Province should not be arrested by the Machinations of these Ringleaders of the Rebellion, either here or in the United States. This I have effected for them to their Contentment. I did not think it right to transport these Persons to a Convict Colony, for Two Reasons: First, because it was affixing a Character of moral Infamy on their Acts which Public Opinion would not sanction; and, secondly, because I hold that it would be impolitic to force on the Colony itself Persons who would be looked upon in the Light of political Martyrs, and thus acquire, perhaps, a Degree of Influence which might be applied to evil Uses in a Community composed of such dangerous Elements. On Consultation, therefore, with Vice Admiral Sir Charles Paget, I determined on sending them to Bermuda, where they could be placed under strict Restraint and Surveillance. There is, however, little Fear of their attempting to escape, as such an Act would close at once and for ever the Door against their ever re-entering their native Country.

Sir Charles Paget has ordered the Vestal to be prepared to take the Prisoners, Eight in Number, to Bermuda immediately on their Arrival here; and I trust, therefore, that in a very few Days there will not remain in Confinement One single Person charged with treasonable and seditious Practices in this Province. Of course I do not refer to the Murderers of Lieutenant Weir, who will be arraigned in the usual Manner at the usual Assizes, and whose Case ought to be clearly excepted from the Class of political Offenders.

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### No. 1.

#### APPOINTMENTS to the SPECIAL COUNCIL.

Vice Admiral The Honourable SIR CHARLES PAGET, G. C. H.  
 Major General Sir JAMES MACDONNELL, K. C. B. and G. C. H.  
 Lieutenant Colonel the Honourable CHARLES GREY.  
 Colonel COUPER, K. H.  
 CHARLES BULLER, Esquire.

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#### Copies of Ordinances passed in the Special Council.

Anno Secundo Victoriae Reginae.

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#### CAP. I.

An Ordinance to provide for the Security of the Province of Lower Canada.

WHEREAS divers Persons Subjects of Her Majesty in this Province have been charged with High Treason and other Offences of a treasonable Nature, some of which said Persons are at present in Custody, and others have withdrawn themselves from the Pursuit of Justice beyond the Limits of this Province:  
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