

PROVINCE OF }
 LOWER CANADA. }

J. COLBORNE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith:—

TO OUR MUCH BELOVED AND FAITHFUL SPECIAL COUNCILLORS OF OUR PROVINCE OF LOWER CANADA—GREETING:—

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Parliament of Our United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, in the first year of Our Reign, intituled, “An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of *Lower Canada*,” it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for Us, by Commission or Commissions to be from time to time issued under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, or by any Instrument under our Signet and Sign Manual, and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Constitute a Special Council for the affairs of *Lower Canada*; And whereas by Our Royal Instructions given at Our Palace of *Buckingham*, on the fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and in the first year of Our Reign, We did, under and by virtue of the powers vested in Us in and by the said Act of Parliament, and by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, constitute a Special Council for the Affairs of *Lower Canada*; And whereas We have assigned, nominated and appointed you to be Our Special Councillors in that behalf; Now, **THEREFORE**, We do command and enjoin you, and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the **EIGHTEENTH** day of the present month of **APRIL**, at Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Lower Canada*, personally you be and appear, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which, by Our Governor in Chief in and for Our said Province, or by the Officer administering the Government of Our said Province of *Lower Canada*, for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of Our said Special Council for the affairs of *Lower Canada*, by the favour of God, may be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Lower Canada* to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well Beloved Lieutenant General Sir **JOHN COLBORNE**, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath and of the Royal Hanoverian Order, Commander of Our Forces in Our Provinces of *Lower Canada* and *Upper Canada*, and Administrator of the Government of Our said Province of *Lower Canada*.

At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Lower Canada*, the third day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and in the first year of Our Reign.

D. DALY,
Secretary of the Province.

J. C.