

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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COPY of an ORDINANCE 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and other offences of a treasonable nature, some of which said persons are at present in custody, and others have withdrawn themselves from the pursuit of justice beyond the limits of this province: And whereas of the persons so charged and in custody, those whose names follow, that is to say, Wolfred Nelson, Robert Shore Milnes Bouchette, Bonaventure Viger, Simeon Marchessault, Henri Alphonse Gauvin, Toussaint Goddu, Rodolphe des Rivières, and Luc Hyacinthe Masson, all respectively now in the gaol of Montreal, in custody of the Sheriff of Montreal, have severally acknowledged their participation in such high treason, and have submitted themselves to the will and pleasure of Her Majesty: And whereas Louis Joseph Papineau, a member of the late Assembly of Lower Canada, and Speaker thereof, Cyrille Hector Octave Côte, also a member of the said late Assembly, Julien Gagnon, Robert Nelson, also a member of the said late Assembly, Edmund Burke O'Callaghan, also a member of the said late Assembly, Edouard Etienne Rodier, also a member of the said late Assembly, Thomas Storrow Brown, Ludger Duvernay, Etienne Chartier, a priest, George Et. Cartier, John Ryan the elder, and John Ryan the younger, Louis Perrault, Pierre Paul Demaray, Joseph François Davignon, and Louis Gautier, all respectively subjects of Her said Majesty, and against whom respectively warrants for high treason have been issued, have severally absconded from this province and withdrawn themselves from the limits thereof, and from the pursuit of justice: And whereas it is Her said Majesty's most gracious will and pleasure that no further proceedings shall be had or taken against any persons whomsoever on account of such high treason or other offences of a treasonable nature, save and except as hereinafter provided; but it is nevertheless expedient to provide for the present security of this province by effectually preventing the several persons whose names are hereinbefore set forth from being at large therein; Be it therefore ordained and enacted by his Excellency the Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, by and with the consent and advice of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province of Lower Canada constituted and assembled by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to make temporary Provision for the Government of Lower Canada," and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty