first day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER, C. C. C.

Province of Canada. ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of Canada, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, in Our City of Montreal, on the fourth day of March now next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

Parliament to meet on 25th February, 1848. WHEREAS the meeting of Our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the fourth day of March now next, at which time, at Our City of Montreal, you were held and constrained to appear: And whereas We have judged it advisable and most con-

sistent with the general convenience and the public welfare to change the said time of meeting to an earlier period: We do therefore will and command you, and by these presents firmly enjoin you, and each of you, that on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of February next ensuing, you meet us in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of Montreal, for the despatch of public business, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary: And herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of Montreal, in Our said Province, this thirty-first day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER, C. C. C.