

# CANADA.

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## No. 1.

COPY of INSTRUCTIONS under the ROYAL SIGN MANUAL addressed to the Right Honourable CHARLES POULETT THOMSON, which accompanied the Commission appointing him Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Lower Canada.

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Instructions  
to the  
Governor of  
Lower Canada,  
dated  
7th Sept. 1839.

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Instructions to Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Charles Poulett Thomson, Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of Lower Canada, or in his Absence to Our Lieutenant Governor or the Officer administering the Government of Our said Province for the Time being. Given at Our Court at Windsor the 7th Day of September 1839, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

WHEREAS His Majesty King George the Fourth did, by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing Date at Westminster the 12th Day of April 1820, in the First Year of His Reign, constitute and appoint George Earl of Dalhousie (since deceased) to be Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, in America: And whereas certain general Instructions under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet accompanied the said recited Letters Patent, addressed to the said George Earl of Dalhousie, in the following Words; that is to say,

*[For Instructions to the Earl of Dalhousie here quoted, vide Parliamentary Paper, printed by Order of the House of Lords 15th August 1838, No. 367, pp. 2 to 17.]*

And whereas His late Majesty King William the Fourth did, by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing Date at Westminster the 24th Day of November 1830, in the First Year of His Reign, constitute and appoint Matthew Lord Aylmer to be Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the said Provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada, and did thereby require and command him the said Matthew Lord Aylmer to execute his said Commission and the Trust thereby reposed in him, so far as the same related to the Province of Lower Canada, according to the said general Instructions herein-before at length recited, addressed to the said George Earl of Dalhousie: And whereas certain Parts of the said general Instructions to the said George Earl of Dalhousie (herein-before at length recited) were subsequently amended by certain additional Instructions addressed by His said late Majesty under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet to the said Matthew Lord Aylmer, in the following Words; that is to say,

“ Additional Instructions to Our right trusty and well-beloved Matthew  
“ Lord Aylmer, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Mili-  
“ tary Order of the Bath, Lieutenant General of Our Forces, Our  
“ Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province  
“ of Lower Canada, or in his Absence to Our Lieutenant Governor  
“ or Commander in Chief of Our said Province for the Time being,  
“ Given at Our Court at St. James’s this 8th Day of February 1835,  
“ in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.”

“ WHEREAS by Our Commission under Our Great Seal of Our United  
“ Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing Date at Westminster the  
“ 24th Day of November 1830, constituting and appointing you to be Our  
“ Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of Upper  
“ Canada, and in and over Our Province of Lower Canada, in North America.  
“ We did amongst other things give and grant, that if upon your Death or  
(180.) A 2 “ Absence