

# PROVINCE OF CANADA.



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

To THOMAS STORROW BROWN and WILLIAM BRISTOW, of the City of Montreal, and  
GEORGE SHEPPARD, of the City of Quebec, Esquires—GREETING:

**W**HEREAS serious charges of malversation in the Public Departments and of misappropriation of public moneys without the sanction of Law, have been preferred and repeated in and out of Parliament, for a series of years, and it is therefore necessary that a thorough and impartial examination should be had into the system under which the financial affairs of Our Province of Canada have been conducted during the last ten years. Now KNOW YE, that reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, ability, and integrity, We, of Our especial Grace and of Our Royal Will and pleasure, do by these presents, Nominate, Constitute, and Appoint you the said Thomas Storrow Brown, William Bristow, and George Sheppard, to be Our Commissioners for the following purposes, that is to say: To enquire into the prevailing mode of keeping the Public Accounts of this Province, and the items of receipt and disbursement of money by every Department of the Public Service, and how the same have been and are now checked and audited, and also to enquire into the issue of debentures authorized by law; their sale or disposal, the payment of interest thereon and the redemption thereof, together with the accounts relating to the same, and to ascertain how the existing method facilitates the application of proper checks to the various transactions connected with the issue and management of public securities; and further to enquire into all the expenditure which form the deduction from revenue, and the manner in which the contingencies of the various departments, and all branches of the public service are vouched, paid and accounted for, or estimated and checked. To have and to hold the Office of Commissioners as aforesaid unto you and each of you during Our Royal Pleasure.

And it is Our further Will and Pleasure, and we do, in pursuance of the Statute in that behalf, hereby authorize and empower you, the said Thomas Storrow Brown, William Bristow, and George Sheppard, or any two of you, as such Commissioners, to summon before you any party or witnesses, and to require them to give evidence on oath orally or in writing, (or on solemn affirmation, if such parties be entitled to affirm in civil matters,) and to produce such documents and things, as you the said Thomas Storrow Brown, William Bristow, and George Sheppard, or any two of you, may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters and things aforesaid. And we do hereby require that you the said Commissioners do report the result of the above mentioned investigation with all convenient speed to Our Governor of the said Province for the time being.

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: