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HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN of the Legislative Council.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

WHEN I meet you at the commencement of the present session, I expressed the hope that you would proceed without delay to pass such a law in reference to the period appointed for introducing the amended franchise, as would have enabled me to bring at once into operation those important measures affecting the representation of the people in Parliament, which were adopted by you with such singular unanimity last session. Having been disappointed in this expectation, I still consider that it is due to the people of the province, and most respectful to the decision of the Legislature, that I should take such steps as are in my power to give effect to the law by which the Parliamentary representation of the people is augmented, before calling the attention of Parliament to questions on which the public mind has been long agitated, and the settlement of which it is most desirable to effect in such a manner as will be most likely to secure for it the confidence of the people.

I have come, therefore, to meet you on the present occasion for the purpose of proroguing this Parliament with a view to an immediate dissolution.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor General the Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to the Duke of NEWCASTLE.

(No. 13.)

Government House, Quebec, June 24, 1854.

(Received July 10, 1854.)

MY LORD DUKE,

WITH reference to my Despatch, No. 12, of the 22nd instant, I have the honour to enclose herewith a number of the official gazette of the province, containing copies of proclamations, dissolving the provincial Parliament, directing the immediate issue of writs for summoning a new Parliament, and requiring the same to meet on Thursday, the 10th day of August next.

I have &c.

The Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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(Extract from the *Canada Gazette*, dated Quebec, Saturday, June 24, 1854.)

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

Legislative Chambers, Quebec, June 22, 1854.

THIS day, at three o'clock, p.m., his Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the chamber of the Legislative Council. The members of the Legislative Council being assembled, his Excellency commanded the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, his Excellency was pleased to deliver the following speech.

[As printed above.]

PROCLAMATIONS.—Province of Canada.

ELGIN and KINCARDINE.

[L. S.]

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, and to all whom it may concern,—Greeting:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS we have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of our Executive Council of our province of Canada, to dissolve the present provincial Parliament of our said province, which stands prorogued to the twenty-ninth day of July next. Now Know Ye, that we do for that end publish this our royal proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said provincial Parliament accordingly; and the legislative councillors, and the