arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of Our Dominion of Canada concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion; and We do command you, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purpose aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden: and this you are in no wise to omit.

- IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honourable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Baronet of Nova Scotia; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.
 - At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this Seventh day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Fifty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

By Command,

SAML. E. ST. O. CHAPLEAU, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. Adams came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by Edouard Joseph Langevin, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honourable the Speaker then acquainted the Senate that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the Certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honourable Mr. Adams, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Sir Frank Smith,

The Senate adjourned.