

or Our Representatives in Our said Province : And whereas We, having taken the Premises into Our Consideration, have signified Our Royal Will and Pleasure, by a Despatch from Our trusty and well-beloved the Right Honourable Earl of Bathurst, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, bearing Date the 2d April 1821, that Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our said Province of Lower Canada, should cause Letters Patent to pass the Great Seal of Our said Province for carrying into effect the Wishes of the said Reverend Joseph Octave Plessis with respect to the Establishment of a Roman Catholic Seminary at Nicolet, as proposed by him in and by his said Memorial. Now therefore know ye, that We, having taken the Premises into Our Royal Consideration, and being willing to favour the Wishes of the said Joseph Octave Plessis in this Behalf, have nominated, constituted, and appointed and incorporated, and by these Presents do nominate, constitute, appoint, and incorporate, the said Reverend Joseph Octave Plessis, Bishop of the said Roman Catholic Church of Quebec, and the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Quebec for the Time being ; the Reverend Bernard Claude Parret, Coadjutor of the said Bishop, and the Coadjutor for the Time being ; the Reverend François Noiseux, Grand Vicairé at the District of Three Rivers, and the Grand Vicairé of the said District for the Time being ; the Reverend Jean Raimbault, Priest Curé of the Parish of Nicolet, and the Curé of the Parish of Nicolet, and the Curé of the said Parish for the Time being ; and the Reverend Joseph Morin, Priest, now the Senior Curé of the said District of Three Rivers, and the Senior Curé of the said District for the Time being ; to be a Body Corporate and Politic, in Name and in Deed, for the Purposes aforesaid, by the Name of "The Corporation for the superintending and Management of the Seminary of Nicolet," to have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, with Power to change, alter, break, and make new the same when and as often as they shall judge the same to be expedient ; and they and their Successors, by the same Name, shall have full Power and Authority to sue and to be sued, implead and to be impleaded, to answer and to be answered unto, in all Manner of Courts and Places of Judicature that now are or hereafter shall be established within this Our said Province of Lower Canada, as well temporal as spiritual, and of what Nature or Kind soever such Suits or Actions be or shall be ; and shall have full Power and Authority to make, ordain, and constitute such and so many Bye Laws, Rules, and Orders, not repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain or the Laws of Our said Province, as by them, or the major Part of them, shall or may be judged expedient and necessary, as well for the Education, Conduct, and Government of the said Seminary of Nicolet, as for the Management and Administration, Improvement and Amelioration of all Estates and Property, moveable and immoveable, which are at present or which shall hereafter in any Manner or Way whatsoever be appropriated to the said Seminary of Nicolet : And We do by these Presents, for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Corporation full Power, Authority, and Ability to purchase, take, have, hold, and retain, for the Uses, Ends, and Purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and without any other or further Licence or Letters of Amortizement than these Presents, all and all Manner of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Property, moveable and immoveable, which may or shall be sold, given, granted, devised, or bequeathed unto the said Corporation, either by *Acte entre vifs* or *Disposition Testamentaire*, according to the Laws of our said Province of Lower Canada ; provided nevertheless, that the actual Rents, Issues, Revenues, and net Proceeds of the Property and Estate of the said Corporation shall not at any Time exceed the annual Sum of 2,500*l.* of lawful current Money of Our said Province, and that the said Corporation shall not at any one Time possess Property of any Description whatsoever producing a greater net actual and annual Revenue than the said Sum of 2,500*l.* Currency : And further, that Our said Corporate Body shall have full Power and Authority to ask for, sue, recover, and receive such Rents, Issues, and Profits as may become due from the said Property so belonging or which hereafter may belong to the said Corporation, and shall give, execute, and deliver such Discharge or Discharges, Receipt or Receipts, Acquittance or Acquittances as may be requisite and necessary in respect of the same : And We do hereby require and command all Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subjects, in their several and respective Stations and Places, to be aiding and assisting unto Our said Corporate Body in all Things to be performed in the due Execution of these Our Letters Patent. In testimony