

Upper Canada, or out of the Province of *Lower Canada*, in either of such cases, all and singular the powers and authorities granted to the said *Archibald Earl of Gosford* should be given and granted to the Lieutenant Governor for the time being, of such Provinces respectively, or of either of them as the case might be, or in the absence of any such Lieutenant Governor, to such person or persons as might by Warrant under the Sign Manual be authorised and appointed to be the Administrator of the Government of the said Province or either of them, such powers and authorities to be by him or them executed and enjoyed during the Royal pleasure; but if, upon the death or absence of the said *Archibald Earl of Gosford* out of the said Provinces of *Upper Canada* or *Lower Canada*, or either of them, no person shall be upon the place commissioned and appointed to Administer the Government of the said Provinces until the return of the said *Archibald Earl of Gosford* from any such absence, or until the Royal pleasure could be further made known, the Senior Military Officer for the time being, in command of the Forces within the said Provinces of *Upper Canada* or *Lower Canada*, as the case may be, should take upon him the Administration of the Government thereof, and should execute in the said Provinces respectively, the said Commission and the Instructions therein mentioned, and the several powers and authorities therein contained in the same manner and to all intents and purposes as other the Captain General and Governor in Chief should or ought to do.

And, whereas, by reason of the absence of His Excellency the said *Archibald Earl of Gosford*, from and out of the said Provinces of *Upper Canada* and *Lower Canada*, and under and by virtue of the above provision in the said Letters Patent contained, the Administration of the Civil Government of Her Majesty's Province of *Lower Canada*, hath devolved upon Me, the said Lieutenant General SIR JOHN COLBORNE, being the Senior Officer Commanding HER MAJESTY'S Forces within the said Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, with all and every the Powers and authorities by the said Letters Patent, vested in the said *Archibald Earl of Gosford*; I have, therefore, with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council of this Province, thought fit to issue this Proclamation, to make known the same, and I do hereby require and command that all and singular Her Majesty's Officers and Ministers in the said Province do continue in the due execution of their several and respective Offices, Places, and Employments; and that Her Majesty's loving subjects, and others whom it may concern, do take notice hereof and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Government House, in the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Lower Canada*, the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and in the first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

D. DALY,

*Secretary of the Province.*