

beloved Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this seventh day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,
D. DALY,
Secretary.

Province of }
Canada. } *ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.*

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province of *Canada*, holden at the City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, on the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and prorogued on the ninth day of June, then next ensuing, in the ninth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Banque des Marchands*," was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was at the prorogation of the said Session, on the ninth day of June aforesaid, presented to Our Governor General of Our said Province, for Our assent thereto, who, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and according to his discretion, then and there declared that he reserved the aforesaid Bill for the signification of Our pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Banque des Marchands*," having been laid before Us, in Council, on the twenty-second day of November now last past, We have been pleased to assent to the same; and We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, assent to the said Bill; of all which Our loving subjects, and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

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: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most

noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At *Montreal*, in Our said Province, the seventh day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

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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, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Montreal*, on the twenty-fourth day of the present month of January, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us, the state and defence of Our said Province concerning, We did summon and command you, on the day and at the place aforesaid to be present, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in Our said Provincial Parliament should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that, on Saturday the fourth day of the month of March now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

Parliament prorogued to 4th March, 1848.

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Royal Assent to *La Banque des Marchands* Bill.