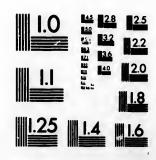


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And appointing a Rector to the same,

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Province of RICHMOND, LENOX & AUBIGNY.

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. KING. Defender of the Faith, to all whom these Present Letters shall concern :---GREETING.

WHEREAS by LETTERS PATENT under our Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of June, in the Thirty-third year of Our Reign, we did Erect, Found, Ordain, Make and Constitute Our Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, and their Dependencies, to be a Bishop's See, to be called from thenceforth the Bishopric of Quebec. AND WHEREAS by a certain Statute or Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the Thirty-first year of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth year of Our " Reign, intituled, an Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of " the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further Provision for the "Government of the said Province." "Sundry Provisions were made respecting the " Allotment and Appropriation of Land for the maintenance and support of a Protestant " Clergy within Our said Provinces, and it was among things more especially Enacted, "That it should and might be lawful for Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to authorize " the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of each of Our said Provinces respectively, or " the Person Administering the Government therein for the time being, from time to " time, with the advice of our Executive Council of Our said Provinces respectively, " to Constitute and Erect, within every Township or Parish, which then was or there-" after might be formed, Constituted or Erected within such Province, one or more " Parsonage or Rectory, or Parsonages or Rectories, according to the Establishment

" of the Church of England; and from time to time, by an Instrument under the "GREAT SEAL of such Province, to endow every such Parsonage or Rectory with so much or such part of the Lands so allotted and appropriated as aforesaid, in respect of any Lands within such Township or Parish, which should have been granted subsequent to the commencement of the said Act, or of such Lands as might have been allotted and appropriated for the same purpose, by or in virtue of any Instruction which might be given by US, in respect of any Lands granted by "US before the Commencement of the said Act, as such Governor or Lieutenant Governor or Person Administering the Government, should with the advice of the said "Executive Council, judge to be expedient under the then existing circumstances of such Township or Parish."

AND WHEREAS, the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England being professed and observed by a very considerable part of OUR loving Subjects resident in the Parish of Montreal in the District of Montreal, in OUR said Province of Lower Canada, Our a Trusty and Well Beloved Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Our Governor General of and for OUR said Province of Lower Canada, bath, with the advice of OUR Executive Council of OUR said Province, judged it to be expedient to constitute and erect a Parsonage or Rectory within the said Parish of Montreal, according to the Establishment of the Church of England; and with the advice of the said Executive Council, bath also Judged it to be expedient under the now existing circumstances of the said Parish of Montreal, to endow the said Parsonage or Rectory with the Church Lands and immoveable Estate herein after particularly set forth and described.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE, that OUR said Trusty and Well Beloved Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, Knight, OUR said Governor, being thereunto by US duly authorized pursuant to the aforesaid Statute, both, and by these OUR LETTERS PATENT, with the advice of OUR Executive Council of OUR said Province, DOTH ORDAIN, Make, Constitute and Declare, all that precinct included within the bounds and limits of the aforesaid Parish of Montreal, as described in a certain reglement of the Sieur Vaudreuil, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New France, the Sieur Eveque de Quebec, and the Steur Begon, Intendant, bearing date the Twentieth day of September, in the Year of OUR LORD CHRIST, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, confirmed and homolgated by an Ariet of His Most Christian Majesty, in His Council d'Etat, bearing date the third day of March, in the Year of OUR LORD CHRIST, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, is and shall be henceforth for ever an Ecclesiastical Division and PARISH of the aforesaid Bishoprick of Quebec, and be called by the name of "The PARISH OF MONTREAL." And within the said Parish, OUR said Governor being also thereunto by US duly authorized pursuant to the aforesaid Statute, hath constituted and erected, and by these OUR LETTERS PATENT, with the advice of OUR said Executive Council, doth contute and Erect one Parsonage or Rectory, according to the Establishment of the Church of England, to be called from henceforth THE PARSONAGE or RECTORY of the

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PARISH CHURCH OF MONTREAL; and hath and doth ordain, make, constitute and declare, the precinct contained within the limits and bounds of the said Parish of Montreal, to be the precinct of the said Parsonage or Rectory of the Parish Church of Montreal. And having great confidence in the Learning, Picty, Morals, Probity and Prudence of John Leeds, Clerk, a Minister of the Church of England, duly ordained according to the rites of the said Church, OUR said Trusty and Well Beloved Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, Knight, Our said Governor, being also thereunto by US duly authorized pursuant to the aforesaid Statute, hath nominated, presented and collated, and by these OUR LETTERS PATENT, doth nominate, present and collate the said John Leeds, to the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church of Montreal, and to be the Incumbent thereof, and to have, hold and enjoy the same and all RIGHTS, Profits and Emoluments thereunto belonging or granted, as fully and amply, and in the same manner and on the same terms and conditions, and liable to the performance of the same duties as the Incumbent of a Parsonage or Rectory in that part of OUR Dominions called England, for and during OUR Royal Pleasure, and the actual residence of the said John Leeds in the said Parish of Montreal. And to the end that all matters and things aforesaid may have their due effect, WE by these OUR Letters Patent, do signify unto the Right Reverend Futher in GOD, Jacob, Lord Bishop of Quebec, that WE in manner aforesaid have ordained, made, constituted and declared the aforesaid Parish of Montreal, to be an Ecclesiastical Division and Parish of the aforesaid Bishoprick of Quebec; and have erected and constituted within the said Parish, the aforesaid Parsonage or Rectory, and do present unto Him the said Jacob, Lord Bishop of Quebec, the said John Leeds, requiring, and by the Faith and Life by which HE is bound to US, commanding HIM to admit the said John Leeds to the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church of Montreal, and to cause IIIM to be instituted and inducted into the same, with all its rights, members and appurtenances, and to do and execute all other things in this behalf, which shall belong to HIS Episcopal Office.

And WE do hereby Will and Grant, that the Rector of the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church of Montreal and his Successors, Rectors of the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church be, and shall continue a BODY CORFORATE, with perpetual succession, by the name of THE RECTOR OF THE PARSONAGE OR RECTORY AND PARISH CHURCH OF MONTREAL.

And WE do further Will and Grant, that HE and HIS Successors by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in the Law, and have full power to purchase, have, take, hold and enjoy such Messuages, Lands, Rents, Tenements, Annuities, Hereditaments, Heritages and Real Estates of what nature and kind soever, in fee and in perpetuity, or for term of life or years, as by Grant or Licence under the Great Scal of OUR said Province, he or they shall at any time be authorized to take, hold and enjoy; and also all manner of Goods, Chattels and things personal whatsoever, of what nature or value soever; and also to determine any of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditamen's, Heritages and Real Estates, whereof or wherein he or they shall have any estate or interest as aforesaid, in such manner as by Licence under the Great Scal of

OUR said Province, he or they shall at any time be authorized for that purpose; and that he and his Successors, by and under the same name, may prosecute, claim, plead and be unpleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered in all manner of Courts, of US, Our Heirs and Successors, and elsewhere in and upon all and singular causes, suits, writs and demands, personal and mixed, and in all other things, causes and matters whatsoever.

And moreover, WE will and ordain by these presents, that the said John Leeds, Rector of the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church of Montreal and his Successors, Rectors of the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church, shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Right. Reverend Father in GOD, JACOB, Lord Bishop of Quebec, and his Successors, Bishops of the Bishoprick of Quebec, in the same manner as any Rector of any Parsonage or Rectory or Parish Church within that part of Great Britain, called England, is under the Authority & Jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese, within which such Parsonage or Rectory or Parish Church is situated. AND, KNOW YE further, that OUR said Trusty and well Beloved Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, Knight, OUR Governor as aforcsaid, being thereunto also by US duly authorized pursuant to the aforesaid Statute, bath, with the advice of OUR said Executive Council, allotted and appropriated, ordained, made, constituted, appointed and declared, and by these our Letters Patent, doth allot and Appropriate, Ordain, make, constitute, appoint and declare, the Church erected in Notre Dame Street, in our said city of Montreal, in the said Parish of Montreal, to be the PAROCHIAL or PARISH CHURCH of the said Parish of Montreal, and the said Parsonage or Rectory of the said Parish Church of Montreal, with the said Church, hath, and by these OUR LETTERS PATENT, doth endow, and the Freehold and Inheritance of the said Church, and of all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, hath, and by these OUR LETTERS PATENT, doth give, grant and vest, for ever in the said John Leeds, Rector of the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church of Montreal and his Successors, Rectors of the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church, and the same Church is hereby declared to be for ever Dedicated to the Service of GOD, to be therein more especially applied to the USE and Behoof of OUR loving Subjects, professing the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England, now inhabiting, and from time to time hereafter to inhabit, the said Parish of Montreal.

And Know Ye, that OUR said Trusty and well Beloved Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, OUR said Governor, being thereunto by US duly Authorized pursuant to the aforesaid Statute, hath and by these OUR LETTERS PATENT, doth with the advice of OUR said Executive Council endow the said Parsonage or Rectory of the PARISH CHURH of MONTREAL, with all, each, and every the Tracts, lots, pieces and parcels of Land, herein after described, that is to say, first, with all that piece or parcel of Land situate, lying and being in Notre Dame Street, in the said City of Montreal, measuring upon the soid street one hundred and nine feet two inches, and upon which said Parish Church is Built; And the Freehold and Inheritaece of the said lot, piece and parcel of

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Land, and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, bath, and by these OUR LET-TERS PATENT, do give, grant, and vest for ever in the said John Leeds, Rector of the said Parsonage or Rectory and Parish Church of Montreal, and his Successors, Rectors of the said Parsonage, or Rectory and Parish Church.

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 Trusty and well Beloved, His Grace CHARLES DUKE of RICHMOND, Knight of the Most Noble order of the Garter, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over OUR Province of Lower Canada, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. at OUR Castle of Snint Lewis, in OUR City of Quebec, in OUR said Province of Lower Canada, the twelfth day of August, in the Year of OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and in the Fifty eighth Year of our Reign.

RICHMOND, LENOX & AUBIGNY.

JOHN TAYLOR, Deputy Secretary,

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