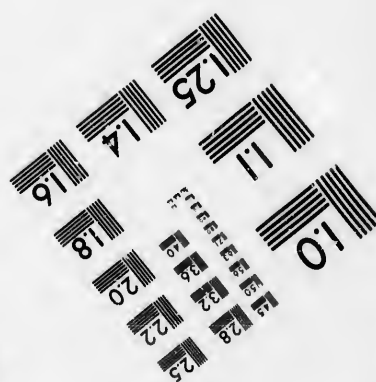
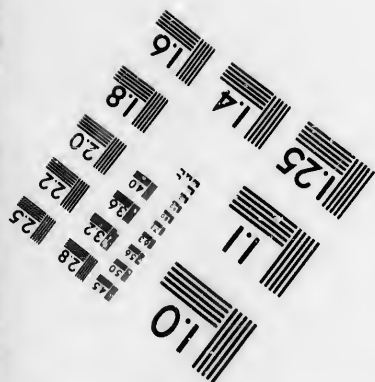
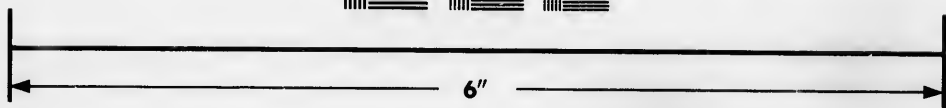
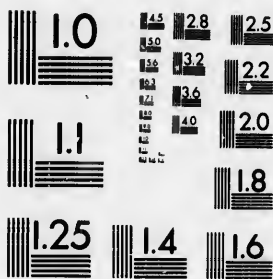


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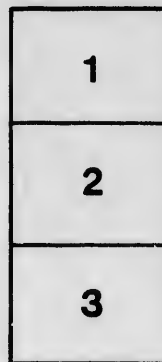
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*By the Honourable W  
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Brunswick, &c.*

**WARD CHIPMAN.**

# A PROCLAM

**W**HEREAS in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission and Instructions provided that "in the event of the death of the Lieutenant-Governor, the person who shall then be residing within the Province shall take upon him the execution of the said Royal Commission and Instructions, and the several powers therein contained, in the same manner and to all intents and purposes, as other His Majesty's Governors have done, and he shall be authorized to do in the absence of the said Governor, until his return, or in the event of his death, to do all and singular the things therein contained, as if he were the said Governor." And whereas in and by the said Commission and Instructions and the Pleasure that the Governor of the said Province do, upon his appointment, repair to the Seat of Government in the said Province, and being there, to take the Oaths and to perform the duties of the office and trust reposed in him; and that after the Publication of the said Commission and Instructions, the said Governor shall take the Oaths and make and subscribe the Declaration in such manner as is therein contained, and he is authorized to proceed further in the execution of the said Commission and Instructions, as if he were the said Governor.

And whereas upon the death of the late Lieutenant-Governor and the Council having forthwith assembled, and taken into consideration the said Commission and Instructions, they did in full Council order that notice be immediately sent by express to the Honourable the Council, apprizing him of this Event, and requesting him to repair to the Seat of Government, and in case he should in any manner be prevented from so doing, that he should be requested to signify the reasons thereof, and request should be sent forthwith to the Honourable CHRISTOPHER LEONARD, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace, to repair to the said Seat of Government, and to take the Oaths and perform the duties of the office and trust reposed in him, as if he were the said Governor.

And whereas neither the said GEORGE LEONARD, nor the said Council, have yet repaired to the said Seat of Government, in conformity with the said Royal Commission and Instructions, that the said Council, in full Council, have resolved, that the said GEORGE LEONARD, being sworn in at Fredericton, being the Seat of Government of the Province,



**Honorable WARD CHIPMAN,**  
**President, and Commander**  
**in Chief of the Province of New-**  
 **Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.**

# DECLARATION.

By the said Commission and Instructions to the Governor of this Province, it is declared that in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, the Senior Member of the Council who shall take upon him the Administration of the Government, and execute and discharge the several powers and authorities therein contained, in the same manner as His Majesty's Governors or Commanders in Chief should or ought to do, until his return, or in all cases until His Majesty's further pleasure be known. And by the said Commission and Instructions it is further declared to be His Majesty's Will that the said Person should do, upon his appointment. "fit himself with all convenient speed to repair to the said Province, and being arrived there, to take upon him the execution of the Government after the Publication of His Majesty's Royal Letters Patent to him, in the same manner as is declared in such cases by Law required. All which being duly performed, the said Person proceeded further in the execution of the said Commission and Instructions.

And the said Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, His Majesty's Council, upon the consideration of the said Commission and Instructions, did thereupon resolve to call upon the said Honorable GEORGE LEONARD, the Senior Member of the Council, to repair immediately to the Seat of Government and assume the Administration of the Government, in case he should in any way be prevented from repairing immediately to the said Province, to signify the same in writing, and that thereupon the like notice should be given to the Honorable CHRISTOPHER BILLOPP, Esquire, the next Senior Member of the Council.

And the said WARD, nor the said CHRISTOPHER BILLOPP did, as required by the said Commission and Instructions. And it appearing to His Majesty's Council to be necessary, in pursuance of the said Commission and Instructions, that the Person to administer the Government should be called upon to repair to the Province; and the exigencies of the Province admitting

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of no delay, It was thereupon resolved, that the next Member in suc  
ted to the Administration of the Government.

And whereas, being next in succession upon the list of Councillor  
by and with the advice and consent of the said Council, on the first  
Oaths, and did assume the Administration of the Government, as Pr  
vince, until His Majesty's further pleasure be known therein; and r  
Administer the said Government.

And whereas the Person to Administer the Government is, by sur  
the Oaths therein mentioned, before his entrance into his Governm

And whereas the said CHRISTOPHER BILLOPP, not regarding th  
several Acts of Parliament, did cause to be printed and published in  
porting to be Proclamations in his name, as Administrator of the Gov  
in which Instruments it is declared that all Proclamations, Civil Appo  
ing in my name and by my authority as President and Administrator  
illegal and of no effect, to the disturbance of the Public Peace and gr  
Subjects in this Province.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of His  
to make known and declare that the said Publications so printed and p  
CHRISTOPHER BILLOPP, are altogether without any legal authority  
hereby, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, forewarn and p  
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ton, and by the official signature thereto of the Secretary of the Prov  
or by some or one of those marks of authenticity. And I do hereby  
other of His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects to take due notic  
accordingly.

**Given under my Hand**  
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**His Majesty's Rei**  
***By the President***

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he list of Councillors, and being present in Council, I did thereupon,  
ouncil, on the first day of April last, take the usual and requisite  
Government, as President and Commander in Chief of the said Pro-  
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ce and consent of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby  
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nistrator of the Government, or of His Majesty's Council of this  
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ecretary of the Province, or his Deputy thereunto lawfully authorized,

And I do hereby require all Magistrates and public officers and all  
s to take due notice of this Proclamation, and to govern themselves

**my Hand and Seal at Frederic-  
first day of May, in the year of  
one thousand eight hundred and  
three, and in the Fourth year of  
esty's Reign.**

*President's Command.*

**Wm. F. Odell.**



