

**Proclamations issued by
the Governor-in-chief from the establishment of
civil government on August 10, 1764,
until the partition of the Province of Quebec into
the Province of Upper and Lower Canada,
on December 26, 1791**

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APPENDIX C.

PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-CHIEF FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 10, 1764, UNTIL THE PARTITION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC INTO THE PROVINCE OF UPPER AND LOWER CANADA, ON DECEMBER 26, 1791.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, QUEBEC, the 9th August, 1764.

To-morrow, being Friday the Tenth Instant, at the Hour of Eleven in the Morning, the King's Letters Patent, Constituting and Appointing the Honourable James Murray, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Quebec, bounded on the Labrador Coast by the River St. John, and from thence by a Line drawn from the Head of that River, through the Lake St. John, to the South End of the Lake Nipissin, from whence the said Line, crossing the River St. Lawrence and the Lake Champlain in Forty five Degrees of North Latitude, passes along the High Lands, which divide the Rivers that empty themselves into the said River St. Lawrence, from these which fall into the Sea, and also along the North Coast of the Bay des Chaleurs, and the Coast of the Gulph of St. Lawrence to Cape Rosiers, and from thence crossing the Mouth of the River St. Lawrence, by the West End of the Island of Anticosti, Terminates at the aforesaid River of St. John's, together with all the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging. As also a Commission for the said Honourable James Murray, to be Vice Admiral of the Same, will be published in His Majesty's Castle of St. Lewis, at Quebec, of which all Persons are to take Notice, in Order to pay due Obedience thereto.

By His Excellency's Command.

H. T. Cramahe.

Quebec Gazette August 9, 1764.

By His Excellency

A PROCLAMATION.

QUEBEC.

Whereas it is highly necessary & expedient for the wellbeing and Good government of His Majestys loving Subjects in this Province, that Commissions of the peace be issued without loss of time for hearing & determining petty Causes in a Summary way, for the more immediate ease, convenience and happiness of the people. I have thought proper, by & with advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council to constitute & appoint Justices of the peace for the respective Districts of this Province, empowering any one of them to hear and finally determine all causes or matters of property in dispute not exceeding the sum of Five pounds Lawfull money of New England and any two Justices of the peace to hear & determine all causes not exceeding Ten pounds said Currency, which decisions being within & not exceeding the above Limitation, shall not be admitted to any appeal. And also empowering & authorizing three of the said Justices of the peace to be a Quorum, with the power of holding Quarter Sessions in their respective Districts every three months, and of deciding in Causes which shall be above Ten and not exceeding Thirty pounds said Lawfull Money of New England with liberty of appeal to either Party. And it is hereby ordered by & with advice and consent of His Majestys Council that

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the aforementioned Justices of the Peace, do issue their Warrants to, and to be executed by the Captains & other Officers of Militia in this Province, until the Provost Marshall legally appointed by His Majesty for these services, shall arrive; and all officers civil and military or others His Majestys loving Subjects in this Province are hereby Commanded & required to be aiding & assisting to the said Justices of the peace & officers of Militia in the execution of their Duty. And whereas there are not at present a sufficient number of Protestant Subjects resident in the intended District of Trois Rivieres, qualifd to constitute and compose Quarter Sessions, I have moreover thought fit by and with advice and Consent aforesaid to Divide this Province into two Districts to be known by the names of Quebec and Montreal for the time being, until there may be a competent number of people settled at or near Trois Rivieres duly qualifd to exercise the office of Justices of the peace and the power of holding such Quarter Sessions abovementioned, or until His Majestys pleasure be known on that behalf, And that the said Two Districts be divided and bounded by the River Godfroy on the South and by the River St. Maurice on the north shore.

Given under my hand & Seal at arms at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec this Twenty eight day of August 1 1764.

(Signed) Ja Murray

By His Excellencys

Command

(countersignd) J. Gray D Secy

God Save the King.

Legislative Council A p. 24. This Proclamation did not appear in the Quebec Gazette, though ordered to be published by the Governor in Council on August 28.

By His Excellency the Honorable James Murray, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of Quebec, and Territories depending thereon in America, Vice-Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, and Colonel Commandant of the second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment of Foot, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His Majesty, by His Royal Proclamation, given at St. James's, the seventh Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, in the Third Year of His Reign, hath thought fit to Declare and Enjoin, That the Trade with the several Nations or Tribes of Indians, with whom he is connected, and who live under his Protection, should be free and open to all his Subjects whatever. Provided, That every Person who may incline to trade with the said Indians, do take out a Licence for carrying on such Trade, from the Governor or Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Colonies respectively, where such Person shall reside; and also give Security to observe such Regulations as His Majesty shall, at any Time think fit by His Royal Order, or by His Commissaries to be appointed for that Purpose, to direct and appoint for the Benefit of the said Trade: And that the Governors or Commanders in Chief of His said Colonies respectively, should grant such Licences without Fee or Reward: taking especial Care to insert therein a Condition that such Licence shall be Void and the Security Forfeited, in Case the Person to whom the same is granted, shall refuse or neglect to observe such Regulations as His Majesty shall think proper to prescribe as aforesaid. And Whereas all Hostilities with the several Indian Nations who lately appeared in Arms against His Majesty, are ceased, and a friendly intercourse between His Majesty's Subjects and them is thereby happily restored:

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I HAVE therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, thereby notifying the same, and strictly enjoining and commanding all His Majesty's Subjects of this Province, to forbear any Act of Hostility on the said Indians, or any or either of them: Hereby also declaring all Intercourse and Trade with the several Indian Nations living under His Majesty's Protection, free and open to all His Subjects; under the Restrictions mentioned in His Majesty's said Royal Proclamation, and subject to such other Regulations as shall hereafter be established by His Majesty, or his Commissaries to be appointed for that Purpose: Provided, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, until His Majesty's further Pleasure be known, do trade or traffic, vend, or dispose of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, of any Kind whatsoever, to any Indian or Indians, within the Country, reserved for the Indians by Royal Proclamation, except in such Forts or Posts already, or which shall hereafter be established by His Majesty, and garrisoned by His Troops, for which Purpose Licences will be granted at the Secretary's Office in Quebec, and at that of his Deputy at Montreal: For the due Observance whereof, every Trader is required to enter into Bond for double the Value of the Goods upon Oath, and specify the Quantity of Arms and Ammunition they shall carry with them.

Ja. Murray.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. Goldfrap, D. Secry.

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Quebec Gazette, January 31, 1765.

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC.

By His Excellency the Honorable James Murray, Esq; Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the said Province, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the King, by His Royal Instructions, has commanded Me to issue a Proclamation, to make known the Terms and Conditions on which all Persons may obtain Grants of Lands in the said Province; I do, in Obedience to His Majesty's said Instructions, issue this my Proclamation, and make known to all Persons, That they may, on Application to Me in Council at Quebec, obtain Grants of Land in the said Province, in the following Quantities, and on the following Terms and Conditions.

THAT One Hundred Acres of Land will be granted to every Person, being Master or Mistress of a Family, for himself or herself, and Fifty Acres for every white or black Man, Woman or Child, of which such Person's Family shall consist, at the actual Time of making the Grant: And in Case any Person, applying as aforesaid, shall be desirous to take up a larger Quantity of Land than the Family Right entitles such Person to, upon shewing a Probability of Cultivation, an additional Number of Acres, not exceeding One Thousand, may be obtained, upon paying to the Receiver of the Quit-Rents the Sum of Five Shillings Sterling for every Fifty Acres of such additional Grant, on the Day of the Date of the said Grant.

That all Grantees be subject to the Payment of Two Shillings Sterling for every Hundred Acres, to commence at the Expiration of two Years from the Date of such Grant, and to be paid yearly, and every Year; or in Default of such Payment the Grant to be void.

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That in all Grants of Land to be made, Regard will be had to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, so that such Grantee may have a proportionable Number of one Sort and the other, as likewise that the Breadth of each Tract of Land be one Third of the Length of such Tract, and that the Length of each Tract do not extend along the Banks of any River, but into the main Land, that thereby the said Grantees may have each a convenient Share of what Accommodation the said River may afford, either for Navigation or otherwise.

That all Persons, on fulfilling the Terms of their first Grant, may have a further Grant of the like Quantity of Lands, on the Terms and Conditions aforesaid.

That for every Fifty Acres of plantable Land, each Grantee shall be obliged, within three Years after the Date of his or her Grant, to clear and work Three Acres at least, on that Part of his or her Tract which he or she shall think most convenient or Advantageous, or else to clear and drain Three Acres of Swampy or sunk-in Ground, or drain Three Acres of Marsh, if any such be within his or her Grant.

That for every Fifty Acres of Land accounted barren, every Person shall be obliged to put on his or her Land, within three Years after the Date of his or her Grant, three Neat Cattle, which Number every Person shall be obliged to continue on his or her Lands, till Three Acres for every Fifty be fully cleared and improved.

That if any Person shall take up a Tract of Land, wherein there shall be no Part fit for present Cultivation, without manuring and improving the same, every such Grantee shall be obliged, within three Years from the Date of his or her Grant, to erect upon some Part of his or her Land one good Dwelling-house, at least Twenty Feet in Length, and Sixteen Feet in Breadth; and also put on his or her Land the like Number of three Neat Cattle for every Fifty Acres.

That if any Person, who shall take up any stony or rocky Grounds, not fit for Culture or Pasture, shall within three Years after passing his or her Grant, begin to employ thereon, and so continue to work, for three Years then next ensuing, in digging any Stone-Quarry or other Mine, one good and able Hand for every Hundred Acres of such Tract, it shall be accounted a sufficient Cultivation and Improvement.

That every Three Acres, which shall be cleared and worked as aforesaid, and every Three Acres which shall be drained as aforesaid, shall be accounted as sufficient Seating, Planting, Cultivation and Improvement to save for ever from Forfeiture Fifty Acres of Land, in any Part contained within the said Grant; and the Grantee shall be at Liberty to withdraw his or her Stock, or to forbear working in any Quarry or Mine in Proportion to such Cultivation and Improvement as shall be made on the plantable Lands, or upon the swampy or sunk-in Grounds or Marshes which shall be included in the same Grant.

That when any Person, who shall hereafter take up and patent any Land, shall have seated, planted and cultivated, or improved the said Land, or any Part of it, according to the Conditions and Directions abovementioned, such Patentee may make Proof of such Seating, Planting and Cultivation or Improvement, in any Court of Record in the said Province, or in the Court of the County, District or Precinct where such Lands shall be, and have such Proof certified to the Register and Office, and there entered with the Record of the said Patent, a Copy of which shall be admitted on any Tryal to prove the Seating and Planting of such Land.

And whereas this Province has been represented barren and incapable of Improvement from the Length and Severity of the Winter, it becomes necessary in this Proclamation to remove these Errors.

The Lands in General are fertile, producing Wheat and every other European Grain, at the Rate of Ten for One from the Canadian Culture, which is perhaps the worst that is practiced by any civilized People.

The Meadows, in a State of Nature, yield amazing Quantities of Hay; and the Droughts, so frequent in the more Southern Colonies, are not known here.

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The Frost and Snow, so much dreaded by those who are ignorant of their Effects, yield a peculiar Happiness to this Province; they not only contribute to fertilize the Earth, but they certainly render Land-carriage Three-fourths cheaper here than in other Countries: Hence none of the Colonies are in a Situation to vie with this in the Articles of Lumber, Pot-ash, Iron and Ship-timber, as the whole Country abounds with the proper Materials, and is every where intersected with Rivers capable to convey them to the great River St. Laurence, the Navigation of which River is now known to be easy and safe; and the Advantages which the lower Parts of it afford to Adventurers in the Whale and Codfishing, should induce them to settle in the Bays of Gaspé, Chaleur and Places adjacent.

The Seven Islands, where there is an excellent Harbour, are also convenient for fishing Establishments.

Nature has bestowed more than an equal Share of the Furr-trade upon this Province. The populous Towns of Quebec and Montreal afford Markets for every Thing the industrious Farmer can raise; and it may be asserted that the Air of the Province of Quebec is as healthy as any under the Sun, for in no Country do People live to a greater Age with more uninterrupted good Health.

Given under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Province, this first Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, and in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

JA: MURRAY.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. Goldfrap, D. Secry.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette March 7, 1765.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,

By His Excellency the Honorable James Murray, Esq; Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the said Province, and the Territories thereon depending in America, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, certain Duties are granted to His Majesty in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, for the Purposes therein mentioned. In Order therefore, effectually to enforce a due Obedience thereto in this Province, and that the several Duties thereby granted may be duly and properly collected, and also that the several Acts of Parliament, concerning Trade and Navigation, may be duly observed and complied with, and that no one may plead Ignorance thereof, I have therefore thought fit to issue this Proclamation, hereby Requiring and Commanding all Masters of Ships or other Vessels (except His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War) whether in His Majesty's Service or not, immediately on their Arrival at, and before their Departure from the Port of Quebec, to any Port or Place in this Province, to make Report of their Vessels, and at the same Time to bring two true Manifests of their Cargoes, one whereof to be delivered to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs of this Province, and the other to the Comptroller or Searcher: And that all Merchants or others, importing or exporting Goods and Merchandize, into or out of this Province, do for the future make proper Entries thereof at the Custom-House (agreeable to the Forms to be there put up for that Purpose) before lading or unlading such

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Goods and Merchandize, delivering one Copy to the Collector, and another to the Comptroller or Searcher: And that all Masters of Vessels, Merchants, or other Persons whom it doth or may concern, do comply with, and yield strict Obedience to the several Acts of Trade and Navigation, particularly the Acts of the 14 of Cha. II. Chap. 11, and the 7 and 8 of William III. Chap. 22, and the several other Acts of Parliament since made, for the increasing and securing Revenues of the Crown, under the Penalty of incurring the several Forfeitures in the said Acts respectively mentioned.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the said Province, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this 18th Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, and in the fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

JA. MURRAY.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. Goldfrap, D. Secry.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette May 23, 1765.

COUNCIL CHAMBER AT QUEBEC,
WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of November, 1765.

Present:

His Excellency, the Honourable James Murray Esquire, Governor
and

A Sufficient number of the Members of His Majesty's Council.

Whereas the ordinary method of publishing the Ordinances &c has been by means of the *Quebec Gazette*, and the said *Gazette* has for the ceased publication. It was then resolved, That henceforward the Publication of the Ordinances, Proclamations &c by beat of drum, in the towns of Quebec, Montreal and Trois Rivières, and the reading of the same, which shall be made by the curés of the different Parishes of the Province, to their congregations, and the posting up of the said Ordinances, Proclamations &c, which shall be done in the most public places of the said towns, and at the doors of the churches of the said Parishes, shall be deemed a sufficient publication for all intents and purposes.

Jas. Potts, D.C.C.

By Order of His Excellency

By His Excellency

PROCLAMATION

Having received the Royal Orders of His Majesty in Council, given at the Court of St. James, on November 22, 1765, stating and declaring that "Whereas The governor of His Majesty's Province of Quebec, with the advice of the Council of that Province, is authorized and empowered (until the Situation and Circumstances of the said Province will admit of calling general assemblies) to make such Rules & Regulations as shall appear to be necessary for the Peace order and good government of the said Province, taking Care that nothing be passed or done, that shall any ways tend to affect the Life Limb or Liberty or the Subject or to the imposing any Dutys or Taxes; which Rules and Regulations are directed to be transmitted to His Majesty for his approbation or Disallowance, And whereas in pursuance of the said Powers the following Rules

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and Regulations have been made in the said Province and transmitted intituled as follows Viz:

An Ordinance for the better discovering & Suppressing unlicensed houses, dated 3^d Nov^r. 1764.

An Ordinance for the better observance of the Lords Day, dated the 6 Novemr. 1764

An Ordinance for billeting His Majestys Troops on private housekeepers in the Province of Quebec dated the 12 Nov^r 1764.

Together with an additional ordinance published on the 29 of the same month in further explanation of it

Which ordinances together with a Representation from the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations thereupon, having been referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the Lords of His Majestys most honourable Privy Council for Plantation affairs, the said Lords of the Committee did this Day report to His Majesty that the said Ordinances ought all of them to be repealed His Majesty is thereupon pleased with the advice of His Privy Council to declare his Disallowance of the said Ordinances, and pursuant to His Majestys Royal Pleasure thereupon expressed, the said Ordinances are hereby repealed, declared void, and of none effect, whereof the governor or Commander in Chief of His Majestys Province of Quebec for the time being and all others, whom it may concern are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

I have judged it proper, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, to publish this Proclamation, hereby making known to all Subjects of His Majesty in this Province, the Royal Orders of His Majesty above set forth, touching and concerning the above mentioned Ordinances, to the end that no Person can plead Ignorance respecting them.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of St. Louis, in the City of Quebec, this twenty-fifth day of April, in the sixth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth. Anno Domini 1766.

Ja. Murray.

By His Excellency's Command,
Ja. Potts D.C.C.

This proclamⁿ. is a translation of the French copy, no English copy having so far been found. The *Quebec Gazette* suspended publication during the period in which the Stamp Act was operative in Quebec.

By His Excellency the Hon^{ble}. James Murray, Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec, the Territories and Dependencies thereof in America, Vice-Admiral of the same, Major General of His Majesty's troops, and Colonel-Commandant of the second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, &c., &c.

Proclamation

Whereas a convention to liquidate, and make a final settlement respecting the Canada paper belonging to the subjects of Great Britain, has been signed in London, on March 29th last, by the Right Hon^{ble}. Henry Seymour Conway, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State and by Count de Guerchy, Ambassador of His Most Christian Majesty at the Court of England, Plenipotentiaries appointed by their said Majesties for that purpose: In conformity therewith, and in obedience to His Majesty's orders signified to me by his said Secretary of State, I deem it proper to issue this proclamation and to notify all subjects of His Majesty, British and Canadians in this Province, who are proprietors or holders of Canada paper, that they must henceforth send this paper to London, in order that it may arrive there to be declared before

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the Commissioners or Deputies who will be appointed, before the first day of October next, since, after that time, the paper will not be admitted. The attention of His Majesty to the welfare of all his subjects has engaged him in this matter, to provide for the just satisfaction of their demands at the French Court, it is however by no means the intention of His Majesty that persons other than the true subjects of Great Britain may be benefitted by the said convention, and they alone are the object of the last treaty of Peace; and whereas it is to be feared that the subjects of His Most Christian Majesty are now plotting by an underhand commerce to send to Canada quantities of this paper, which belong to French people, to be transmitted from here to England, and having them pass as belonging to English people; and the form of the said convention making it the true interest of His Majesty's subjects who are honestly and bona fide the proprietors of such paper money, to include all those who are not, for the more paper there is admitted, the less will be the share of the premium granted to be paid to the several proprietors of the genuine paper; it is for that reason that I enjoin and require strictly all those in this government who are interested in the said paper to give particular attention, and, under no pretext whatever, to trade or traffic with, or send to England, any paper money, which may come from France, belonging to French subjects, such intrigues being fraudulent, and cannot fail to be discovered, as all those who receive paper money in London and who present it for liquidation, are obliged to take the following oath, to wit:—

"I make oath that the said papers have not been bought, or negotiated in France, as belonging to French people, or acquired directly or indirectly from natives of France, who were the proprietors of it at the date of the last treaty of peace; and that no part of these papers have been brought from Europe to Canada, for the purpose of giving to French property the sanction of British ownership, which I affirm and swear solemnly. So help me God.

Given under my sign and seal of my arms at the Chateau of St. Lewis at Quebec, the 27th May, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Third, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., & in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and sixty six. :

Long live the King,

Ja. Murray.

By Order of His Excellency

J. Goldfrap

D. Secretary.

QUEBEC, SS.

By the Honourable Paulus Emilius Irving, Esq: Commander in Chief of this Province, and Lieutenant-Colonel in His Majesty's Army.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas by the Departure of His Excellency the Governor for Britain, the Command of this Province devolves upon me: And whereas it is necessary, for the Peace and good Government of said Province, That all Officers within the same should continue in their several Offices and Employments; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation.

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hereby ordering and directing that the said Officers do continue in their several Employments until further Orders; of which all Persons concerned are required to take Notice.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this 30th Day of June, in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six.

P. Aemis. Irving.

By Order of the Commander in Chief of the Province,
J. Goldfrap, D. Secy.

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Quebec Gazette, July 3, 1766.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, SS.

By the Honourable Paulus Aemilius Irving, Esq; Commander in Chief of this Province, and Lieutenant-Colonel of His Majesty's Army.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas at the Court at St. James's, the 22d Day of November, 1765, Present the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council, the Report of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, dated the Nineteenth Day of the said Month of November in the same Year, was read at the Board (amongst other Things, setting forth) "That whilst the Colony of Quebec was under the Dominion of the French King, certain Revenues were raised therein, which, if continued, would probably produce more than sufficient to defray the Expences of the Civil Government of the said Colony; it being most certain, That all the Duties, payable to the French King before the Conquest and Cession, are now due and payable to, and vested in His Majesty by Right of Conquest, at Common Law:" Which Report His Majesty having taken into consideration, was pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to Order, That the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, do give Instructions to the Receiver-General of the Colony of Quebec, to receive and collect all, or such Part of the said Revenues (to be applied to defray the Charges of the Civil Government of the said Colony, and to any other Uses) as they shall think proper and expedient. And Whereas the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have, by their Instructions, dated at the Treasury-Chambers at Whitehall, the Tenth Day of March last, directed Thomas Mills, Esq; His Majesty's Receiver-General, and Collector of all his Revenues in the Province of Quebec, &c. to receive and collect all such Duties and Revenues as were collected in this Colony while under the Dominion of the French King, to be applied to defray the Charges of the Civil Government thereof. And whereas the following Duties were collected and paid, whilst this Province was under the Dominion of the French King, that is to say:

	Sterling Money.			
	Liv.	Sols.	£	s. d. q.
Wine by the Hogshead.	12	0	0	10 0 0
Rum by do	24	0	1	0 0 0
Brandy, whether English or French, or from whatever Port it comes, for the Velt, or Measure of 2 Gallons.	1	4	0	1 0 0
Ordinary Wine bottled, per Bottle.	0	1	0	0 0 2
Bottled Sweet Wine, per Bottle.	0	3	0	0 1 2
Eau de Vie Liqueur, per Gallon.	0	10	0	0 5 0
Dry Goods Imported, 3 per Cent. on their Valuation.				
Dry Goods exported, a Duty of 3 per Cent.				

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I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council of this Province, to publish this Proclamation: And all Persons concerned are hereby required to take Notice thereof, and yield Obedience thereto, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, the Fifth Day of July, in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six.

P. Aemis. Irving.

By Order of the Commander in Chief of the Province,
J. Goldfrap, D. Secry.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette, July 7, 1766.

QUEBEC, SS.

By the Honorable Guy Carleton, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Brigadier-General of His Majesty's Forces, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His Majesty has been most graciously pleased, by His Commission under His Royal Sign Manual, dated at St. James's, the 7th Day of April, 1766, To Constitute and Appoint Me Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Province of Quebec, and Territories thereunto belonging: And forasmuch as it is necessary for the Peace and good Government of the said Province, that all Officers within the same should continue in their several Offices and Employments; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby Ordering and Directing, That the said Officers do continue in their several Employments, until further Orders, of which all Persons concerned are required to take Notice.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this 24th Day of September, in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six.

Guy Carleton.

By the Lieutenant-Governor's Command,
J. Goldfrap, D. Secry.

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Quebec Gazette, September 29, 1766.

QUEBEC, SS.

By the Honorable Guy Carleton, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, and Brigadier-General of His Majesty's Forces, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas Advices have been received That several unprovoked Violences and Murthers have been committed upon the Indians under His Majesty's Protection in the Countries adjoining to His Majesty's Protection in the Countries adjoining to His Majesty's Provinces in North-America, and that Settlements have been made in the said Countries, beyond the Limits prescribed by His Majesty's Royal Proclamation of 1763, in the Grounds therein allotted to the Indians: Whereby the said Indians have been greatly and justly discontented: His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor

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and Council of this Province, do hereby strictly enjoin and command all the Inhabitants of the same, to avoid every Occasion of giving the Indians Offence, and to treat them as Friends and Brothers intitled to His Majesty's Royal Protection; and, if any of the said Inhabitants have made any Settlements on the Indian Grounds, to abandon them without Delay, under Pain, in case of Failure herein, of being prosecuted, as Disturbers of the Peace of the Province, with the utmost Rigour of the Law.

And to the End that the Persons guilty of the above-mentioned Violences may be speedily discovered and brought to Justice, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Council of this Province, do hereby give publick Notice, That if any Person will make Discovery of any Murther or Imprisonment, or other illegal Violence, committed upon any of the Indians on the Borders of this Province; or of any Destruction made of their Houses, Settlements, or Goods; or of any violent Interruption of them in their hunting upon the Grounds allotted to them by His Majesty's Royal Proclamation, dated at St. James's, the Seventh Day of October, 1763; or of any Settlement illegally made by any of His Majesty's Subjects of this Province on the said Grounds, so that any of the said Offenders may be convicted of such Offence, upon a legal Prosecution, the Person making such Discovery, shall, upon the Conviction of the Offender, receive a Reward of Fifty Pounds.

Given Under my Hand, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this 22d Day of December, in the Seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord 1766.

GUY CARLETON.

By the Lieutenant-Governor's Command,
J. Goldfrap, D. Seery.

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Quebec Gazette December 29, 1766.

By the Honourable Guy Carleton, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Brigadier-General of his Majesty's Forces, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas I have received an Order of his Majesty in Council, dated the 26th Day of June, 1767, in the Words following, viz.

At the Court at St. James's,

The 26th Day of June, 1767.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty,

Arch-Bishop of Canterbury,
Lord President,
Duke of Grafton.
Duke of Queensberry.
Lord Steward.
Earl of Huntingdon.
Earl of Denbigh.
Earl of Litchfield,
Earl of Cholmondeley,
Earl of Marchmont.
Earl of Bristol,
Earl of Ashburnham,

Earl of Harcourt,
Earl of Shelburne,
Viscount Townshend.
Viscount Howe,
Viscount Barrington,
Viscount Clare.
Viscount Villiers.
Lord Sandys,
James Stuart Mackenzie, Esq;
James Oswald, Esq;
Sir Edward Hawke.

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Whereas there was this Day read at the Board, a Report from the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, dated the 12th of this Instant, in the Words following, viz.

"Your Majesty having been pleased, by your Order in Council, of the third of December last, to refer unto this Committee, the humble Petition of Anthony Merry, of London, Merchant, in Behalf of himself, George Allsopp, Joseph Howard, and Edward Chinn, Merchants, and Inhabitants of your Majesty's Province of Canada, in North-America, setting forth, amongst other Things, That, in Consequence of your Majesty's Royal Proclamation of the 7th of October, 1763, and of another Proclamation, issued in your Majesty's Name, by his Excellency General Murray, Governor of Quebec, on the 31st of January, 1765, the Petitioners were encouraged to load a Vessel with sundry Merchandize, provide Canoes, and every Thing necessary and proper for carrying on the Trade with the Indians, at a Place called the King's Posts of Tadousac and Chigotimi, on the River Saguenay, in the Neighbourhood of Lake St. John, and having built a Shed, or Ware-house, for the Reception of their Goods, and at a very considerable Expence, established themselves, gained the Indians to their Interest, and made a Settlement on Lake St. John, they were prohibited from prosecuting their Plan, by your Majesty's Receiver-General, and the President and Council of Quebec; and humbly praying, That your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant them an Order for Liberty to dispose of such Goods as they had sent up, or your Majesty's Royal Mandate for a Grant of such Lands as are mentioned in a Petition presented by them to Governor Murray, or to be otherwise relieved in the Premises.

"The Lords of the Committee, in Obedience to your Majesty's said Order of Reference, this Day took the said Petition, together with a Report made thereupon, by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated the second of this Instant, into their Consideration, and do agree humbly to report to your Majesty, as their Opinion, that the Petitioners had no Right, by your Majesty's Proclamation of the 7th of October, 1763, to trade at the Posts of the Royal Domain at Tadousac and Chigotimi, on the River Saguenay, in the Province of Canada, or to erect any Magazines, or make any Establishment for the Purpose of Trade there, and that your Majesty's Right thereto ought to be considered as excluded from the general Right to Free Trade, granted by the said Proclamation, and ought to be carried on only by your Majesty's Lessees, under your particular Licence for that Purpose, and that the Buildings and Magazines erected at the said Posts by the Petitioners should be demolished, and that the Goods sent there by the Petitioners be returned to them, notwithstanding the Manner in which they conveyed them thither: And their Lordships humbly submit to your Majesty, that the said Petition of Anthony Merry, and others, should be dismissed."

His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, was pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Buildings and Magazines erected at the said Posts by the Petitioners be demolished, and that the Goods sent there by the Petitioners be returned to them: And it is hereby further ordered, That the said Petition of Anthony Merry, and others, be dismissed this Board, whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Quebec for the Time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

W. Blair, 12th July, 1768.

All Persons are therefore required to pay due Obedience to this his Majesty's Order, in Council, and govern themselves accordingly, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Louis, in the City of Quebec, this Twenty-seventh Day of September, in the Eight Year of his

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Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight.

Guy Carleton.

By the Lieutenant-Governor's Command,
Geo. Allsopp, D. Secy.

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Quebec Gazette, October 20, 1768.

By His Excellency Guy Carleton, Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Brigadier-General of his Majesty's Forces, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas certain Doubts may arise concerning the Validity of Commissions given by the Honorable James Murray, Esquire, late Governor of this Province, in the Name of him the said James Murray, and during his Pleasure; and it may now be necessary either to renew the said Commissions or to confirm them all in general, by a public Declaration for that Purpose: I Do Hereby make known to all whom it may concern, That I do confirm and continue the same, and all other Commissions in this Province that may stand in Need of such Confirmation, and Order that they shall have the same Validity, Operation and Continuance, as if they had each of them been renewed under my Authority since the Arrival of his Majesty's Commission, appointing me Governor in Chief of this Province, in the same Words in which they are now conceived.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this Tenth Day of November, in the Ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's
Command,
Geo. Allsopp, D. Secy.

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Quebec Gazette November 17, 1768.

Secretary's-Office, Quebec, 6th February, 1769.

Publick Notice is hereby given, That his Majesty has been pleased to approve and confirm, by an Order in his Privy-Council, dated on the 12th Day of August last, in the Year of Our Lord 1768, the Measures that have been taken by his Excellency the Governor of the Province of New-York, and the Honourable Paulus Aemilius Irving, Esq; then Commander in Chief of this Province, for settling the Boundary-Line between the said Provinces, by which the said Boundary-Line is fixed at the 45th Degree of North Latitude, conformable to the Limits laid down in his Majesty's Proclamation of October 1763; And that his Majesty has been pleased to order that the said Line of Division be run out and continued as far as the said Provinces Extend:

Provided, in the first Place, That nothing contained in the said Order shall affect the Properties of his Majesty's New Subjects, having Possessions under proper Titles on those Parts of the Lands on the South Side of this Line, the Dominion of which was not disputed on the Part of the Crown of Great Britain:

And Provided, in the second Place, that this Determination shall not operate wholly to deprive his Majesty's New Subjects of such Concessions on the South Side

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of the said Line, whereon they may have made actual Settlements and Improvements, although the said Lands may have been disputed by the Crown of Great-Britain. But that the Possessors of such Concessions shall be intitled to such a Part of them as shall be proportioned to the Improvements they have made thereon, at the Rate of Fifty Acres for every three Acres they shall have improved; provided they shall take out Grants for the said Parts under the Seal of the Province of New-York, subject to the usual Quit-rents, and that no Grant thereof, to any one Person, shall, exceed Twenty Thousand Acres.

And of this his Majesty's Pleasure signified by his said Order in Council, all those whom it may concern, are desired to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

By His Excellency's Command,

Geo. Allsopp, D. Secretary.

Quebec Gazette, February 23, 1769.

By The Honourable Hector Theophilus Cramahé, Esquire, President of His Majesty's Council, Commander in Chief of the province of Quebec, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to grant his Royal Leave of Absence to his Excellency Guy Carleton, Captain-General and Governor in Chief of this Province, in consequence of whose Departure the Command of the said Province devolves upon me:

And Whereas it is necessary for the Peace and good Government of the said Province, that all His Majesty's Officers within the same should continue in their several Offices and Employments; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, in Council Assembled, to issue this Proclamation, hereby ordering and directing that the said Officers do continue in their said Offices and Employments untill further Orders; of which all Persons concerned are required to take Notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this Ninth day of August, in the Tenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy.

H. T. CRAMAHE.

By Order of the Commander in Chief of the Province,

Geo. Allsopp, D. Secy.

Quebec Gazette, August 16, 1770.

QUEBEC.

By the Honorable Hector Theophilus Cramahe, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His Majesty has been most graciously pleased, by his Commission under his Royal Sign Manual, dated at Saint James's, the 6th Day of June, 1771, in the Eleventh Year of his Reign, to constitute and appoint Me Lieutenant-Governor of His Province of Quebec, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby ordering and directing.

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That all Officers of Government, within the said Province, do continue in their several Offices and Employments, until further Orders; of which all Persons concerned are required to take Notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Louis, in the City of Quebec, this 26th Day of September, in the Eleventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, 1771.

(Signed) H. T. CRAMAHE.

By the Lieutenant-Governor's Command,

(Signed) Geo. Allsopp, D. Sec.

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Quebec Gazette, October 3, 1771.

By His Excellency

GUY CARLETON,

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice Admiral of the same; and Major General of His Majesty's Forces Commanding the Northern District, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

His Majesty's Secretary of State having transmitted to me two Acts passed in the last Session of Parliament, Intituled,

"An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America." And "An Act to establish a Fund towards further defraying the Charges of the Administration of Justice, and Support of the Civil Government within the Province of Quebec, in America;"¹

I have thought fit to publish the same, that all Officers Civil and Military, and others, whom they concern, may take Notice thereof, and Govern themselves Accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, the Eighth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By his Excellency's Command,

Geo. Allsopp, D. Secy.

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Quebec Gazette, December 8, 1774.

By His Excellency

GUY CARLETON,

Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice-Admiral of the same; And Major-General of His Majesty's Forces Commanding the Northern District, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, "An Act to establish a Fund towards further defraying the Charges of the

¹For these Acts, see Const. Docs. I. pp. 461-468.

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Administration of Justice and Support of the Civil Government within the Province of Quebec in America," it is amongst other Things enacted, That from and after the Fifth Day of April in this present Year 1775, there shall be paid unto His Majesty's Receiver General of this Province, for the use of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors a Duty of £1.16 Sterling Money of Great Britain for every Licence that shall be granted by the Governor Lieutenant-governor or Commander in Chief of this Province to any Person or Persons for keeping a House or any other Place of Publick Entertainment or for the retailing Wine, Brandy, Rum, or any other spirituous Liquors within this Province, and that any Person keeping such House or Place of Entertainment or retailing any such Liquors without such Licence shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten Pounds for every such Offence upon Conviction thereof; One Moiety to such Person as shall inform or prosecute for the same, And the other Moiety shall be paid into the Hands of the Receiver General of this Province for the use of His Majesty: Now these are to inform and require all Persons intending to keep such Houses or Places of Entertainment or to retail such Liquors within this Province from and after the said 5th Day of April next that they do on or before the said Day apply at the Secretary's Office in this Province for such Licences when and where the same will be granted to such Person and Persons as I shall approve.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec the Twenty-third Day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, in the fifteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo. Allsopp, D. Secy.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of March 30, 1775.

By His Excellency

GUY CARLETON,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice-Admiral of the Same, Keeper of the Great Seal thereof, and Major-general of his Majesty's Forces, Commanding the Northern District, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas for the Reasons set forth in an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America," all Commissions, Ordinances, and Authorities relative to the present Administration of Justice in this Province cease and become void, from and after the First Day of May in this present Year, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five; and whereas the Weight and Importance of erecting proper Courts for the future Administration of Justice in this Province demand much Time and Deliberation, by Reason whereof the same cannot be immediately established; but whereas much mischief and Inconvenience might in the mean-time arise to the Publick, if some proper Persons were not authorized in this Province to render all Offenders against the Law, and absconding Debtors, amenable

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to Justice, by obliging them to appear before such Courts, when the same shall be established, and then and there to answer the Charges that shall be respectively exhibited against them: I have therefore thought fit to issue this Proclamation, In order to make known to all Persons residing in this Province, and others whom it may concern, that by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me given by His Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal of Great-Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Twenty-seventh Day of December, in the fifteenth Year of his Reign, and published at Quebec, the Twenty-fourth Day of this Instant April, I have constituted and appointed Adam Mabane, Thomas Dunn, John Fraser and John Marteilhe, Esquires, His Majesty's Justices of the Courts of Common-pleas for the Districts of Quebec and Montreal in this Province; and Hertel Rouville of Montreal, and John Claude Panet of Quebec, Esquires, or any two or more of them, to be from and after the said first Day of May next ensuing, during Pleasure, or until proper Courts of Judicature can be established in the said Districts, Conservators of the Peace throughout the same, with all necessary Powers and Authorities for that and other the Purposes aforesaid, to be done and executed According to Law; and further, from and during all the time aforesaid, to be Commissioners for suing out Civil Process, and causing the same to be executed in the said Districts, in such Manner as the Law directs and by their Commission is appointed. And all His Majesty's Subjects of this Province are hereby required, when called upon, to aid and assist the above named Conservators of the Peace, and Commissioners, in the Execution of their said Office. And whereas it is also judged inexpedient, for the present, to appoint new Bailiffs for the said Districts of Quebec and Montreal, I have thought fit to continue them in their said office, and do hereby direct them to continue in the Exercise of the same, until further Orders, whereof they, and all whom it may concern, are required to take Notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this Twenty-sixth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo. Allsopp, D. Secy.

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Quebec Gazette, April 27, 1775.

By His Excellency

GUY CARLETON,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice-admiral of the same, and Major-general of his Majesty's Forces, Commanding the Northern District, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas some evil designing and wicked Persons did, in the Night, between the 30th April and 1st May last past, Wantonly and Maliciously disfigure the Bust of his Majesty, in the Town of Montreal, in this Province; and further did then and there affix thereto, a False and Scandalous Libel, in Writing, tending to lessen him in the Esteem of his Subjects, weaken his Government, and raise Jealousies between him and his People: To the Intent therefore that all such ill-disposed Persons may be discovered

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and brought to Justice, I have thought fit to publish this Proclamation, hereby offering a Reward of Two Hundred Dollars, and if a Party concerned his Majesty's Pardon, to any one (except the Person who actually did disfigure the said Bust, or affix the said Libel,) who shall discover the Persons guilty of the above Offence; to be paid by the Receiver-general of this Province, on the Conviction of any one, or more of them.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this Eighth Day of May, in the fifteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Signed) Geo. Allsopp, Actg. Secy.

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Quebec Gazette, May 11, 1775.*By His Excellency,*

GUY CARLETON,

Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories Depending thereon in America Vice admiral of the same; and Major General of his Majesty's Forces, Commanding the Northern District &c &c &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas a Rebellion prevails in many of His Majesty's Colonies in America, and particularly in some of the neighbouring ones; And Whereas many of the aforesaid Rebels, have with an Armed Force made Incursions of Late into this Province, attacking and Carrying away from thence, a Party of His Majesty's Troops, together with a parcel of Stores and a Vessel belonging to His Majesty, and are at present actually invading this Province with Arms in a traiterous and hostile manner, to the Great terror of His Majesty's Subjects, and in open Defiance of his Laws and Government, falsely and maliciously giving out, by themselves & their Abettors, that the Motives for so doing, are to prevent the Inhabitants of this Province from being taxed and oppressed by Government, together with divers other false, and seditious Reports, tending to inflame the Minds of the People and alienate them from His Majesty: To the end therefore that so treasonable an Invasion may be soon defeated, that all such Traitors with their said Abettors may be speedily brought to Justice, and the Publick Peace and tranquility of this Province again restored, which the ordinary course of the Civil Law is at present unable to effect, I have thought fit to Issue this Proclamation, hereby declaring that, untill the aforesaid good Purpose can be attained, I shall, in virtue of the Powers and Authority to me given by His Majesty, execute Martial-Law, and Cause the same to be executed throughout this Province, and to that end I shall order the Militia within the same to be forthwith raised; but as a sufficient number of Commissions to the several Officers thereof cannot be immediately made out I shall in the mean time direct all those having any Militia Commissions from the Honble Thomas Gage, the Honble James Murray, Ralph Burton, & Frederick Haldimand, Esquires, heretofore His Majesty's Governors in this Province, or either of them, to Obey the same, and execute the Powers therein mentioned, untill they shall Receive orders from me to the contrary: And I do accordingly in His Majesty's Name hereby require and Command all His Subjects in this Province, and others whom it may Concern, on pain of disobedience, to be aiding and assisting to such Commissioned

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Officers, and others who are or may be Commissioned by me, in the Execution of their said Commissions for His Majesty's Service.

Given under my Hand & Seal of Arms at Montreal, this Ninth Day of June, one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-five, in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and So forth.

GUY CARLETON,

By His Excellency's Command,
H. T. Cramahe.

GOD Save the KING.

From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of June 15, 1775.

By the King.

A PROCLAMATION.

For suppressing Rebellion and Sedition.

GEORGE R.

Whereas many of Our Subjects in divers Parts of Our Colonies and Plantations in North America, misled by dangerous and ill-designing Men, and forgetting the Allegiance which they owe to the Power that has protected and sustained them, after various disorderly Acts committed in Disturbance of the Publick Peace, to the Obstruction of lawful Commerce, and to the Oppression of Our loyal Subjects carrying on the same, have at length proceeded to an open and avowed Rebellion, by arraying themselves in hostile Manner to withstand the Execution of the Law, and traitorously preparing, ordering, and levying War against Us; And whereas there is Reason to apprehend that such Rebellion hath been much promoted and encouraged by the traitorous Correspondence, Counsels, and Comfort of divers wicked and desperate Persons within this Realm: To the End therefore that none of Our Subjects may neglect or violate their Duty through Ignorance thereof, or through any Doubt of the Protection which the Law will afford to their Loyalty and Zeal; We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby declaring that not only all our Officers Civil and Military are obliged to exert their utmost Endeavours to suppress such Rebellion, and to bring the Traitors to Justice; but that all Our Subjects of this Realm and the Dominions thereunto belonging are bound by Law to be aiding and assisting in the Suppression of such Rebellion, and to disclose and make known all traitorous Conspiracies and Attempts against Us, Our Crown and Dignity; And we do accordingly strictly charge and command all Our Officers as well Civil as Military, and all other Our obedient and loyal Subjects, to use their utmost Endeavours to withstand and suppress such Rebellion, and to disclose and make known all Treasons and traitorous Conspiracies which they shall know to be against Us, Our Crown and Dignity; and for that Purpose, that they transmit to One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, or other proper Officer, due and full Information of all Persons who shall be found carrying on Correspondence with, or in any Manner or Degree aiding or abetting the Persons now in open Arms and Rebellion against Our Government within any of Our Colonies and Plantations in North America, in order to bring to condign Punishment the Authors, Perpetrators, and Abettors of such traitorous Designs.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-third Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, in the Fifteenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

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By the Honorable

HECTOR THEOPHILUS CRAMAHE, Esq.,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, &c., &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas great Mischiefs and Inconveniencies may and are likely to ensue from permitting Strangers, who may be in the Interest of the Rebels, to resort to the Town of Quebec, and by that means obtaining and conveying to them intelligence which may prove highly prejudicial to His Majesty's Service.

I do hereby strictly Order and Command all Persons not settled Inhabitants of this Place who since the Thirty first Day of August last have, or who hereafter shall come into the Town of Quebec, either to repair themselves immediately, or to signify to one of the Conservators of the Peace, or to such Persons as may from time to time be appointed for that purpose, their Names and place of abode, together with the occasion of their coming into the Town, upon pain of being considered and treated as Spies if they remain therein for the space of two hours without repairing themselves, or giving notice as aforesaid.

And I do likewise strictly Order and Command all Tavern-keepers, Keepers of Publick-houses, and all Persons who shall receive any Stranger or Strangers after the Publication of this Proclamation, to Report the Name, place of abode, &c. of all such, in like manner to some one or other of the Persons aforementioned within two hours after the coming of such Stranger or Strangers, upon the like Pain and Peril as herein before expressed.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Quebec this Sixteenth day of September, in the Fifteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1775.

In the Absence and by the Order of His Excellency the Governor,

H. T. CRAMAHE.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of September 21, 1775.

By the Honorable

HECTOR THEOPHILUS CRAMAHE, Esq.,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, &c., &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

It being absolutely necessary in the present Disorders, to provide in the most effectual Manner for the Defense of the Town and Province of Quebec: And whereas great Assistance may be derived from the Sailors on Board the Ships and Vessels in the different Parts of the Province. It is hereby Ordered that no Ship or Vessel now in any Port of the Province, or that shall come into any part of the Province, do proceed in her Voyage to England, or elsewhere, before the Twentieth Day of October next; and the Officers employed in the Collection of His Majesty's Customs are hereby commanded to suffer no Ship to clear out till the aforesaid Time.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Quebec, this 28th Day of September, in the Fifteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord, 1775.

In the Absence, and by Order of His Excellency the Governor,

H. T. CRAMAHE.

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(Translation)

By His Excellency Guy Carleton, Captain-General and Governor in-Chief in the entire Province of Quebec, and territories dependent thereupon in America, Vice-Admiral thereof, Major General of His Majesty's forces, commanding the Northern Department &c. &c. &c.

To all the Captains and other officers commanding the Militia in the Province of Quebec &c.

Whereas a considerable number of the faithful subjects of His Majesty, who have repaired to us (to give proofs of their zeal and fidelity to his said Majesty) have left much of their work at home unfinished; and as it would not be just that such subjects should suffer for having distinguished themselves; and since it is most desirable for the general welfare of the Province that the work in the country parts should be finished before bad weather sets in:

For these reasons, We order you, each in your several districts, to cause all the work and labour which the said inhabitants of your districts, who are serving with us, or elsewhere, by our orders, have not been able to do and cannot do, to be done by the inhabitants who remain at home, by corvées which you will regulate with justice, and carry on with strictness; such as mowing the hay, cutting the oats and other grain; bind and house the whole in good condition, do the ploughing, repair the buildings and put them in condition for winter.

We declare to you that, if you should fail to attend to the execution of the present order, We will hold you personally responsible, and we will make those disregarding this order pay and reimburse all losses and damages which may be suffered by the faithful subjects of the King, who have generously preferred his service and the tranquillity of the Province to their own private interests.

We require and order you to publish without delay, at the doors of the churches as well as wherever else it may be necessary, our said present order, and to give assurances of having done so to the Colonels of Militia in the several districts, who are by these presents ordered to report respecting it, to our lieutenant governor, for the parishes of Quebec, and to us or in our absence to the officer commanding, for those of Trois Rivières and Montreal.

Done at Montreal, October 14, 1775.

GUY CARLETON.

Quebec Gazette October 19, 1775.

By the Honourable

HECTOR THEOPHILUS CRAMAHE, Esq.,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, &c., &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation dated the 28th Day of September last, an Embargo was laid on all the Shipping in the Ports of this Province, to remain in Force till this Twentieth Day of October; and whereas the Necessity of providing for the Defence of the Place still continues, it is hereby Ordered that the Embargo shall be extended to the Fourth of November next inclusive, and the Officers employed in the Collection of His Majesty's Customs are Commanded to suffer no Ship to clear out for any Place beyond the Limits of this Province till after the aforesaid Time.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Quebec, this Twentieth Day of October, in the Fifteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, 1775.

In the Absence, and by Order of His Excellency the Governor,

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H. T. CRAMAHE.

From the Library of the Seminary of Quebec.

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By His Excellency

GUY CARLETON,

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces, commanding the Northern District, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it has been found expedient to raise and embody a Militia within this City, to co-operate with, and to assist His Majesty's Troops in this Garrison in the Preservation of the City and of the Persons and Property of His Majesty's good and faithful Subjects resident therein, against certain rebellious Persons who have invaded this Province, a number of whom have lately appeared in Arms before the Walls of this Town And Whereas Information has been given me that some persons resident here have contumaciously refused to enroll their Names in the Militia Lists, and to take up Arms in Conjunction with their Fellow Citizens for the purpose aforesaid; and that others who have enrolled their Names and had for some Time carried Arms in the Defence and Preservation of the City, have lately laid them down; And also that some Persons are busy in endeavouring to draw away and alienate the Affections of His Majesty's good and faithful Subjects of this City from His Majesty's Person and Government For these Reasons, and in Order to rid the Town of all useless, disloyal, and treacherous Persons I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation And I do hereby strictly order and enjoin all and every person and persons whatsoever liable to serve in the Militia and residing at Quebec who have refused or declined to enroll their Names in the Militia Lists, and to take up Arms in Conjunction with his Majesty's good Subjects of this City, and who still refuse or decline so to do: as well as those, who having once taken up Arms, have afterwards laid them down, and will not take them up again, to quit the Town in four Days from the Date hereof, together with their Wives and Children, and to withdraw themselves out of the Limits of the District of Quebec before the first Day of December next, Under Pain of being treated as Rebels or Spies, if thereafter they shall be found within the said Limits.

And inasmuch as the persons who in Obedience to this Proclamation are to quit this Town and District, may have bought up a considerable Quantity of the Provisions brought in for the subsistence of the Inhabitants of the Town; And it would be imprudent to suffer those Provisions to be carried out, more especially, as the Country abounds with the Necessaries of Life; I do hereby further order and enjoin all and every such person and persons to deliver in forthwith to the Hon^{ble} George Allsopp Esquire Commissary, a true Inventory or List of their Provisions and Stores, in order that they may be fairly and justly valued and the full Price paid to the respective Proprietors before their Departure.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Arms at the Castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec this twenty second Day of November one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five, in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command.

H. T. CRAMAHE.

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From the original signed copy in the Public Archives of Canada. It was published in the *Quebec Gazette* of November 30, 1775.

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By His Excellency

GUY CARLETON

Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon; Vice-admiral of the same, Major-general and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, in the Province of Quebec, and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas I am informed that many of His Majesty's deluded subjects of the neighbouring Provinces labouring under Wounds and diverse disorders are dispersed in the adjacent Woods and Parishes, and in great Danger of perishing for Want of proper Assistance; All Captains and other officers of Militia are hereby commanded to make diligent search for all such distressed Persons, and afford them all necessary Relief, and convey them to the General Hospital, where proper care shall be taken of them. All reasonable Expences which may be incurred in complying with this Order shall be repaid by the Receiver general.

And least a Consciousness of past offences should deter such miserable Wretches from receiving that Assistance which their distressed situation may require; I Hereby make known to them, that as soon as their Health is restored, they shall have free Liberty to return to their respective Provinces.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Arms at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec; this Tenth Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, in the sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command.

H. T. Cramahé

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By His Excellency

GUY CARLETON

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice-Admiral of the same, and Major-general of His Majesty's Forces, commanding the Northern District, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas I found it necessary, by a Proclamation dated the twenty second Day of November. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, to order and enjoin all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, liable to serve in the Militia, and residing at Quebec, who had refused or declined to enroll their Names in the Militia Lists, and to take up Arms in conjunction with his Majesty's good Subjects of the said City, as well as those who having once taken up Arms had afterwards laid them down and refused to take them up again, to quit the Town in four Days from the date thereof, together with their Wives and Children, I Do now hereby Order, That no Person or Persons of the above Description, who quitted the City of Quebec in consequence of the said Proclamation, nor any Person or Persons who either before or after the said Proclamation, deserted or withdrew from any Corps to which they once belonged, shall presume

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to enter the said City again without a Permission in writing under my Hand, or under the Hand of the Lieutenant-governor of this Province.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Arms at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this Twelfth Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. T. CRAMAHE.

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Manuscript copy fastened in the *Quebec Gazette* for 1776. A French printed copy accompanies it.

GUY CARLETON,

Captain General & Governor in Chief, &c. &c. &c.—

To all Officers Civil & Military & others whom these Orders may Concern.

Whereas great Inconveniencies and disorders have arisen from the selling of Rum or other Spirituous Liquors to the Indians, particularly on the river of Otowas, against which divers & repeated orders have been given, notwithstanding which Information hath been received that many ungovernable & interested persons still continued to carry those pernicious commodity's among the Indians, to the destruction of these People & in contempt & violation of said orders; Be it known therefore that from & after the Publication of this notice, if any person be found disposing of, or in any manner furnishing rum or other Spirituous Liquors, without express License under my hand & Seal for so doing to the Indians; All Casks & Vessels of such persons, containing Rum or other Spirits shall be staved. & the Liquor destroyed; & if at the end of three days after the notification of these our orders, any Rum or other Spirits be found in the possession of any person trading among the Indians, without said express License not only such Rum or other Spirits but all other their Goods & Merchandise shall be seized & themselves committed close prisoners, to be dealt with as the King's Courts of Justice or of Police shall adjudge. And all Officers as well Civil as Military are hereby directed & required at their peril to see this our orders obey'd & strictly put in execution particularly on the great River of the Otawas & up the River St. Maurice according to its true Intent & meaning.

Given under my hand & Seal at Arms at Montreal this 25th day of June 1776—

(Signed) GUY CARLETON

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GUY CARLETON,

Captain General and Governor in chief of the Province of Quebec; Vice Admiral of the same; General and Commander in chief of his Majesty's forces in the said province and the frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas there remains on hand a great quantity of the last year's wheat, and the crops of this year are very abundant, a considerable part of which is already got in;

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and it is conceived that it will not be detrimental to the province, nor to his majesty's troops therein, to suffer an exportation thereof; I hereby make known to all his majesty's subjects in this province, that I do allow a general exportation of wheat. But inasmuch as the exportation of any cattle or live stock out of the province; or of flower and biscuit elsewhere than to the fisheries, Nova Scotia and the West Indies, may at this time be greatly prejudicial to the province and his majesty's troops therein; I have thought proper to order, and I do hereby strictly order that no person or persons whatsoever, at any time after the publication hereof, and before the First day of December next, shall directly or indirectly export or cause to be exported out of this province, any cattle or live stock to any place whatsoever; or any flower or biscuit elsewhere than to the fisheries, Nova Scotia or the West Indies.

And I do hereby forbid all the officers of his majesty's customs within this province to make any entries or clearances of any vessel or vessels which shall have on board any cattle or live stock; or any flower or biscuit other than for the fisheries, Nova Scotia or the West Indies; excepting only such and so much of the said commodities as shall be necessary to be carried for the sustenance, diet and support of the commanders, masters, mariners, passengers or others in the same vessels, for their respective voyages.

Given under my hand and seal of arms at Montreal, this thirtieth day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, in the sixteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, defender of the faith, and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By his Excellency's Command,

E. FOY.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of September 12, 1776.

Sir GUY CARLETON, *Knight of the Bath Captain General and Governor in Chief of the province of Quebec, and the Territories thereunto belonging, &c. &c. &c. General and Commander in chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.*

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas sundry Matters which regard the police and good order of the province make it necessary for me to assemble the legislative council, I do require the attendance of the several members thereof at the council chamber in Quebec on Tuesday the twenty first day of January next, in order to take those matters into consideration.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at the Castle of St. Louis in the city of Quebec this third day of December in the seventeenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith, &c and in the Year of our Lord 1776.

GUY CARLETON.

GOD Save the KING.

From the signed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of December 5, 1776.

By

Sir GUY CARLETON,

Knight of the most honorable order of the Bath Captain General and Governor in chief of the province of Quebec General and Commander in chief of his majesty's forces in the said province and the frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is inexpedient, and might prove dangerous, at this time, and in the present circumstances of the province, to allow of a free exportation of the provisions thereof, I have though fit, by and with the advice of his majesty's council, to issue this proclamation, hereby strictly forbidding and prohibiting all catle or other live stock, during the course of the present year, and untill the last day thereof, to be exported or sent out of the same, except such as shall have been purchased for the use of his majesty's forces under my command, or that shall be necessary for the sustenance, diet, and support of the commanders, mariners, passengers, or others, belonging to his majesty's ships, or other vessels departing therefrom And I do order and direct that no corn, flour, or biscuit, be exported or sent out of the province, except for the use and purposes above mentioned, untill it can be exactly ascertained whether the same may be with safety permitted; whereof due notice shall be given, by proclamation or otherwise. And of this, the officers of his majesty's customs, and all others, whom these may concern, are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at the castle of St. Lewis in the city of Quebec the third day of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the seventeenth year of his majesty's reign.

GUY CARLETON.

By his Excellency's command,
J. Williams; C.C.

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From the signed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of May 8, 1777.

By

Sir GUY CARLETON,

Knight of the most honorable order of the Bath Captain General and Governor in chief of the province of Quebec, General and Commander in chief of his Majesty's forces in the said province and the frontiers thereof &c &c &c.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas it was thought expedient at the opening of the navigation to prohibit the exportation of all Cattle, Live Stock, Corn, Flower and Biscuit out of the province;

I have at this time thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's council, to issue this proclamation Hereby permitting the free exportation of Flower and Biscuit from this province to the Island of St. John's, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and the West Indies And of this the officers of his Majesty's Customs and all others whom it may concern are required to take Notice.

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Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec the twenty fifth day of July. one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, in the seventeenth year of his Majesty's reign.

GUY CARLETON.

By his Excellency's Command,
J. Williams, C.C.

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From the signed (but not sealed) original in the Public Archives of Canada.
Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of August 7, 1777.

By His Excellency

Sir GUY CARLETON.

Knight of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in chief of the province of Quebec and the Territories thereon depending in North America Vice Admiral, and Keeper of the Great Seal thereof &c. &c. &c. General and Commander in chief of his Majesty's forces in the said province and the frontiers thereof &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

His Majesty's Service, together with the Interest and Security of his faithfull subjects in this province, requiring that his Majesty's Rights touching his Demesne should be ascertained, and it being necessary for that purpose to make out a Terrar of the Seigniories held immediately from the Crown, as well as of the Lands Tenements and Hereditaments held therefrom en Roture I have thought proper by the advice of his Majesty's Council in this province to issue this proclamation requiring all Proprietors of Seigniories, in this province holding directly from the Crown (as well Communities as others) to appear in person, or by attorneys duly constituted for that purpose, at the Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec any time before the first day of December which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight to make and render before me there, the Fealty and Homage which they owe to his Majesty according to the antient Laws, Customs and Usages of this province; authenticated copies of the Deeds will be given them gratis.

The said Proprietors of Seigniories are also required to give in their respective Terrars or Land-Rolls, at the same time, or within forty days after rendering their Fealty and Homage, to be registered; Authenticated copies thereof will also be given them gratis.

Moreover, all persons holding Lands en roture from the Crown are required to appear, before the time above mentioned, in their proper persons, or by Attorneys duly constituted for that purpose, at the City of Quebec, to exhibit their Title Deeds, and to make a Declaration of the Estates they hold under his Majesty, and the Rents and Duties they owe thereupon.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at the Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec the twenty-eighth Day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, in the seventeenth year of his Majesty's Reign.

GUY CARLETON.

By his Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall. Secy.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of September 4th, 1777.

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GUY CARLETON,

Knight of the most honorable order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec; General & Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the frontiers thereof &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas at the opening of the Navigation it was Judged expedient, to prohibit the Exportation of Wheat out of this Province;

At this time I have thought fit, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation;

Hereby permitting the free exportation of Wheat from this Province: And of this the Officers of His Majesty's Customs and all others whom it may concern are required to take notice.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec, the eleventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the seventeenth year of his Majesty's Reign.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. Williams, C.C.

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From the signed (but not sealed) original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of October 16, 1777.

GUY CARLETON,

Knight of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in chief of the Province of Quebec; General and Commander in chief of his Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the meeting of the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, is and may be necessary, as well for His Majesty's Service as the welfare of the said Province.

I do therefore give public notice, and require, the meeting of the said Legislative Council; and the attendance of the respective members thereof; at the Council Chamber in Quebec, on Monday the Twenty third day of March next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec the Twenty seventh day of January one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Eight in the Eighteenth year of his Majesty's Reign.

GUY CARLETON.

By His Excellency's Command,
Count^d. Geo: Pownall, Secy.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of February 5, 1778.

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A PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND, Esquire

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon, in America. Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof &c. &c.

Whereas His Majesty by His Letters Patent, dated at St. James's the eighteenth Day of September, in the seventeenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, hath been graciously Pleased to Commission and appoint me His Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories thereon depending; in the Place and Stead of Sir Guy Carleton Knight of the most Honorable order of the Bath late Governor and Commander in Chief of the said Province.

And Whereas I have caused the said Letters Patent of His Majesty so granted to me as aforesaid, to be openly and Publicly Read and Published, at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec in this Province; And in Virtue of the several Powers, Directions and Commands, therein Granted and Expressed. I have taken upon me the exercise and due Execution of the same.

And Have therefore thought fit to Issue this Proclamation notifying the said Letters Patent and Commission of His Majesty so to me granted and the Publication of the same. And I do hereby Command and Require, that all and every the officers of this His Majesty's Government of Quebec and all other Persons whom it may concern, Do henceforth take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec in Council, this thirtieth Day of June One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, in the Eighteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Secy.

GOD Save the KING.

From the signed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of July 2, 1778.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice-Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the frontiers thereof, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His Majesty in His Most Honorable Privy Council at St. James's, on the thirteenth day of May last passed, hath been pleased to signify His Royal disallowance of, and declare void and of none effect, a certain Law and Ordinance made and passed in the Castle of St. Lewis, in the said City and Province of Quebec, on the twenty-third day of April, in the seventeenth year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, "An Ordinance concerning the distribution of the Estates and Effects of persons leaving the Province without paying their Debts."

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I Do Therefore publickly notify all Judges, Magistrates and others whom it doth or may concern, That the said above recited Ordinance and every part thereof is Repealed, and become null, void and of no force or effect whatsoever. And of which I do require all manner of persons to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Louis, in the City of Quebec, in Council, this thirty-first day of October, in the nineteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, and year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Sec'ry.

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Quebec Gazette, November 3, 1778.*By His Excellency*

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain General, and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas great prejudice at this time may arise to His Majesty's Service, and distress to this Province, from a Free exportation of Wheat Flower and Biscuit.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to Issue this Proclamation. Hereby prohibiting all Persons whomsoever to lade on board any Ship, Boat, or Vessel, for Exportation out of this Province, from and after this day, unto the first day of December next, or to export out of this Province by any means howsoever, any Wheat, Flower, or Biscuit, which may be already laden on board any Ship, boat, or Vessel; and until the said first day of December, without first having my special Licence and permit for that purpose.

And I do hereby further prohibit, the lading and exportation of any Wheat, Flower, or Biscuit, whatsoever from, and out of this Province, after the said first day of December, and unto the first day of August next.

And of this Prohibition and Proclamation, I do require the several Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and all others whom it may concern, to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec this Seventh day of November in the nineteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, and year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Sec'ry.

GOD save the KING.

From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of November 12, 1778.

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By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas Sir Guy Carleton Knight of the most Honorable order of the Bath late Governor of this Province, on the twenty eighth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, Issued a Proclamation therein requiring all proprietors of seigniories in this Province, holding directly from the Crown (as well Communities as others), to appear in Person or by Attorneys, duly Constituted for that purpose, at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec, any time before the first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, to make and render the Fealty and Homage which they owe to His Majesty, according to the antient Laws, Customs and Usages of this Province, as they stood and were observed before the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty.

And the said several proprietors of Seigniories, were also required to render their respective Terrars or Land Rolls, at the time of making Fealty and Homage, or within Forty days then after, to be duly Registered.

And also all persons holding lands en Roture from the Crown, were required to appear at or before the said first day of December, in their proper persons, or by attorneys, duly Constituted for that purpose, at the City of Quebec, to Exhibit their Title Deeds, and make a declaration of the several Estates, they hold under His Majesty, and the Rents and duties they owe thereupon.

I have thought fit, by the advice of His Majesty's Council, to Issue this Proclamation, hereby continuing the allowance of time mentioned in the Proclamation of the late Governor Sir Guy Carleton. And to enable His Majesty's Subjects more fully to conform to and obey the said Proclamation I do hereby grant and extend the time thereby allowed, unto the thirty first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. On or before which day I do require due obedience to the same by those His Majesty's Subjects, the Tenure of whose Estates make it a duty incumbent upon them.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms in Council at the Castle of St. Louis this thirtieth day of November one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight, and in the nineteenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Sec'y.

GOD Save the KING.

From the signed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of December 3, 1778.

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By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION

The welfare of this Province and His Majesty's Service make it needful at this time to assemble the Legislative Council. I do therefore require the meeting of His Majesty's Council in Legislature: And that the respective Members of the same do give their Attendance at the Council Chamber in Quebec on Monday the eleventh day of January next.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & seventy eight, and in the nineteenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED. HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEO. POWNALL, Sec'y.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of December 24, 1778.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Captain-General and Governor in chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the frontiers thereof, &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas His Majesty's Service in the month of November last, did require a temporary prohibition upon the exportation of Wheat, Flower, and Biscuit, out of this Province. Such prohibition was directed and commanded by my Proclamation on the seventh day of November last, and to continue unto the first day of August next.

And Whereas by the artful management of rapacious and designing Men, Wheat and Flower, at a time of great plenty, have been advanced to an exorbitant price; to the great prejudice, the oppression of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province in general; and of the Poor in particular. His Majesty's service, the comfort and happiness of His Subjects, make it necessary, further to extend the prohibition made by the above mentioned Proclamation.

I have therefore thought fit with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to Issue this Proclamation; hereby prohibiting all persons whomsoever, to lade on board any Ship, Boat, or Vessel, for Exportation; or to export, out of this Province, by any means howsoever, any Wheat, Flower, or Biscuit until and after the first day of January next.

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And of this Proclamation and Prohibition I do require the several Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and all others whom it may concern, to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

And the more effectually to prevent such acts of public Oppression and distress, by the just punishment of those, whom the love of gain, or other more insidious motives have induced to violate the Laws; to commit actions which must bring inevitable Calamity and distress upon all His Majesty's Subjects, in this Province; the Commissioners of the Peace, and others whom it may concern, are hereby enjoined and required to be diligent in discovering the Persons who have offended, or may hereafter offend, in Forestalling, Regrating, and Engrossing.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec this seventeenth day of May in the nineteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, and year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEO: POWNALL, Secry.

GOD Save the KING.

From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of May 20, 1779.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice-Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas upon an enquiry made by the Magistrates for the District of Quebec, into the causes of the great price of Wheat and Flower, at a time of plenty. It hath been represented to Me, that the several persons who had been induced to violate the Laws, and commit the Offences and Crimes of Forestalling, Regrating, and Ingrossing, had become offenders from an ignorance of the Statutes and Laws of England, which respect those offences, rather than from any wilful and criminal design in the commission of the several Offences they have fallen into in the said District of Quebec.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to Issue this Proclamation in order to make known to all His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, what are the Laws against Forestalling, Regrating, and Ingrossing.

I°. Whosoever shall buy, or cause to be bought any Merchandize, victual, or any other thing whatsoever coming by land or water, toward any Market or Fair, to be sold in the same; or who shall make any bargain, contract, or promise for the having, or buying of the same or any part thereof; so coming as aforesaid, before the said Merchandize, Victuals, or other things shall be in the Market; Fair, City, Port, Haven, Creek, or Road, ready to be sold; or whosoever shall make any motion, by word, letter, message, or otherwise, to any Person or Persons for enhancing of the Price, or dearer selling of any thing or things above-mentioned; or otherwise shall dissuade, move or stir any person or persons coming to the Market, or the Fair, to abstain or forbear to bring any of the things above-mentioned to any Market, Fair, City, Port, Haven, Creek or Road, to be sold as aforesaid; shall be deemed taken and adjudged A Forestaller.

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II°. That whosoever shall by any means regrate, obtain or get into his or their hands or possession; in any Fair or Market, any Corn, Flower, Wine, Fish, Butter, Cheese, Candles, Tallow, Sheep, Lambs, Calves, Swine, Pigs, Geese, Capons, Hens, Chickens, Pigeons, or dead Victual whatsoever, that shall be brought to any Fair or Market to be sold; and such person so regrating, obtaining or getting the same into his hands and possession, do sell the same again in any Fair or Market, holden or kept in the same place; or in any other Fair or Market, within four miles thereof; shall be accepted, reputed and taken to be a Regrator or Regrators.

III°. That whosoever shall ingross or get into his or their hands by buying, contracting, or promise-taking (other than by demise, grant or lease of Land or Tithe) any Corn growing in the Fields, or any other Corn, or Grain, Flower, Butter, Cheese, or other dead Victuals whatsoever; to the intent to sell the same again, shall be accepted, reputed, and taken an unlawful Ingrosser, or Ingrossers.

IV°. That if any person or persons shall offend in any of the things before recited and being thereof duly convicted, shall for his or their first Offence suffer imprisonment for the space of two months without Bail or Mainprize. And shall also lose and forfeit the value of the Goods, Cattle, and Victual, so by him or them bought or had as aforesaid.

And shall, for his or their second Offence suffer imprisonment for the space of six months or one half year without Bail or Mainprize. And shall lose and forfeit double the value of all the Goods, Cattle, and Victual, by him or them so bought or had as aforesaid.

And shall for his or their third Offence, be set on the Pillory in the City, Town, or Place, where he or they shall then dwell and inhabit. And shall lose and forfeit all the Goods that he or they may have to their own use, and also be committed to prison, there to remain during the King's Pleasure.

V°. That His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the several Districts of this Province, at their Quarter-sessions have full Power and Authority to enquire, hear and determine, all and every the Defaults and Offences perpetrated, committed or done within the several Districts aforesaid, contrary to certain Statutes of the fifth and sixth of Edward the Sixth, Chapter fourteen, especially made and provided for such Offences. And to be enquired of, heard and determined upon, as aforesaid, by Inquisition, Presentment, Bill or Information, before the said Justices to be exhibited, and upon and by the examination of two Lawful Witnesses, and thereupon to make Judgment, Process and Execution, as though they were Indicted before the said Justices, by Inquisition, or by the Verdict of twelve Men, or more;

VI°. And upon conviction of the Offender by Information or Suit of any other than His Majesty, to make extracts of the one moiety of the forfeitures to be levied to the use of His Majesty, and to award Execution of the other moiety for the Complainant or Informer, against the Offender by Fieri Facias or Capias; and if any conviction be at the King's Suit only, in such case the whole forfeiture shall then be extracted and levied to the use of His Majesty only.

And I do hereby require and enjoin all His Majesty's Commissioners of the Peace and others whom it may concern in the several Districts throughout this Province, to be diligent in preventing as well the Commission of such Offences, as in bringing to Justice and Punishment all Persons who may be found to have offended against the said Statute; and the Laws which prohibit Forestalling, Regrating, and Ingrossing, Crimes equally hurtful to His Majesty's Service in particular, as oppressive to the poor of this Province in general.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of Saint Louis in the City of Quebec, this fourteenth day of June, in the nineteenth year of His

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Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Secry.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette, June 17, 1779.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Captain General and Governor in chief in and over the province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America; Vice Admiral of the same; General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas Sir Guy Carleton Knight of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, late Governor of this province, on the twenty eighth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, issued a Proclamation therein requiring all proprietors of seigniories in this Province, holding directly from the Crown (as well Communities as others), to appear in person or by Attorneys, duly constituted for that purpose, at the Castle of St. Louis in the City of Quebec, any time before the first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, to make and render the Fealty and Homage which they owe to His Majesty, according to the antient Laws, Customs and Usages of this Province, as they stood and were observed before the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty.

And the said several Proprietors of Seigniories were also required to render their respective Terrars or Land Rolls, at the Time of making Fealty and Homage, or within forty days then after, to be duly registered.

And also all persons holding Lands en Roture from the Crown were required to appear at or before the said first day of December in their proper persons, or by Attornies, duly constituted for that purpose, at the City of Quebec, to exhibit their Title Deeds, and make a declaration of the several Estates they hold under His Majesty, and the Rents and Duties they owe thereupon.

And Whereas I thought fit by the advice of His Majesty's Council to issue a Proclamation on the thirtieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, to continue the Allowance of Time mentioned in the proclamation of the said late Governor Sir Guy Carleton to the thirty first Day of this present Month, I now think fit, by the Advice of the same Council to issue this further proclamation, Hereby granting and extending the Times before allowed unto the thirty first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty. On or before which day I do require due Obedience to the same, by those His Majesty's Subjects, the Tenure of whose Estates make it a Duty incumbent upon them.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at the Castle of St. Louis
this fourth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine,
in the twentieth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Sec'ry.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

GOD Save the KING.

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By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice-Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

His Majesty's Service and the Welfare of this Province, at this Time make it necessary to assemble the Legislative Council.

Therefore I do require the meeting of the said Council; and that the respective Members thereof, do give their attendance at the Council Chamber in the Castle of St. Lewis at Quebec, on Thursday the Twenty-Seventh day of January instant.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec this Eleventh day of January, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, and in the Twentieth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Sec'y.

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From a printed copy of the proclamation, in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of Jany. 13, 1780.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

His Majesty's Service and the welfare of this Province make it necessary to Assemble the Legislative Council.

I do therefore require the attendance of the respective Members of the said Council at the Council Chamber in the Castle of St. Lewis at Quebec on Tuesday the fourth day of April next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty and in the twentieth year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo. Pownall, Sec'y.

GOD Save the KING.

From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of March 30, 1780.

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29a

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice-admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

The welfare of this Province, and His Majesty's Service, make it needful at this time to assemble the Legislative Council.

I do therefore require the meeting of the said Council, and that the respective members of the same do give their attendance at the Council Chamber, in the Castle of St. Lewis, at Quebec on Monday the fifteenth day of January instant.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec, this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and in the twenty-first year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo. Pownall, Sec'ry.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette, January 11, 1781.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain General and Governor in chief of his Majesty's Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in the said province and the frontiers thereof, &c., &c., &c.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the safety of the property of his Majesty's liege Subjects, and the necessary defence of this province, may speedily require that all Grain, Cattle and Provisions, which might in any degree favor or afford succour to an Invasion in this Province by the King's subjects in Rebellion, should be deposited in Places of Security, for Protection and Defence by the King's Troops under my Command;

Therefore, with the advice of his Majesty's Council, I have published this proclamation, requiring all his Majesty's faithful subjects, to prepare without Delay for such an Event; by diligently causing their Grain of what kind soever, to be forthwith threshed and prepared, ready to be transported, if needful, to such Places of Security as may be judged proper, for the safety of the same, and the necessary defence of the Province.

His Majesty's Subjects will answer at their Peril and Risque the Disobedience of an Injunction requisite and made for the Preservation of their property, and the Security and Defence of the Province.

The several Captains and other Officers of Militia are hereby commanded to use all Diligence in causing this Proclamation to be carried into speedy and due Execution: And that without Delay they do severally proceed to take an exact account from all and every his Majesty's Subjects, and who are hereby strictly enjoined to grant the same, in the several Parishes throughout this province, of the number of Cattle and the several Kinds thereof. Also of the quantity of Grain and Flour, which

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respectively may be in the possession of all and every person and persons in the said Parishes.

The said Captains of Militia are further commanded speedily to make return of their several Proceedings herein; Those of the District of Quebec to Mr. Dupré, Colonel of Militia; Those of Three Rivers to Mr. Tonancourt, Colonel of Militia; Those of the District of Montreal on the north Side of the River St. Lawrence to Mr. Neveu Sevestre Colonel of Militia; and those in the said District on the South Side of the said River to the Officer commanding his Majesty's Troops at Sorel.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in Council, at the Castle of Saint Lewis this fifteenth day of January One thousand seven hundred and Eighty one, and in the twenty-first year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Secry.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of January 18, 1781.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America; Vice Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it hath been represented to me, that several Notaries have taken upon them to draw and pass, as legal and authentic, Deeds and Contracts, in districts and parts of this Province, which by their respective Commissions they are not impowered to do; a practice unjust and abusive of the power granted to such Notaries, and from which many and great inconveniencies may arise to His Majesty's Subjects:

I have therefore thought fit to publish this Proclamation, strictly injoining and requiring all Notaries, that forthwith, and before the first day of July next, they deliver or transmit to the Secretary of the Province their several and respective Commissions: and also a note in writing signifying the Town and Parish wherein they reside, and the District which respectively they may be desirous to be assigned to act as Notaries, in order that such arrangement and regulation may be made, as may conduce to the security of individuals, and be most for the public good.

And all Notaries are hereby injoined and forbid to draw and pass any Contract or Deed but within the several parishes and districts to which, by their Commissions, they are respectively assigned, on pain of being deprived of such Commissions, and further dealt with according to Law.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, this tenth day of April. One thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and in the twenty-first year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEO: POWNALL, Secry.

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Quebec Gazette, April 12, 1781.

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By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America; Vice-admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

The welfare of this Province, and His Majesty's Service, make it needful at this time to assemble the Legislative Council,

I do therefore require the meeting of the said Council, and that the respective members of the same do give their attendance at the Council Chamber, in the Castle of St. Lewis, at Quebec, on Saturday the second Day of February next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and in the twenty-second year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEO: POWNALL, Secry.

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Quebec Gazette, January 24, 1782,

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain-General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America; Vice-admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the safety of the property of his Majesty's liege Subjects, and the necessary defence of this province, may speedily require that all Grain, Cattle and Provisions, which might in any degree favour or afford succour to an Invasion in this province by the King's subjects in Rebellion, should be deposited in places of security, for Protection and Defence by the King's Troops under my Command;

Therefore, with the advice of his Majesty's Council, I have published this Proclamation, requiring all his Majesty's faithful subjects, to prepare without Delay for such an Event; by diligently causing their Grain of what kind soever, to be forthwith threshed and prepared, ready to be transported, if needful, to such places of security as may be judged proper, for the safety of the same, and the necessary defence of the province.

His Majesty's Subjects will answer at their Peril and Risque the Disobedience of an Injunction requisite and made for the Preservation of their property, and the Security and Defence of the province.

The several Captains and other officers of Militia are hereby commanded to use all Diligence in causing this Proclamation to be carried into speedy and due Execution. And that without Delay they do severally proceed to take an exact account from all and every his Majesty's Subjects, and who are hereby strictly enjoined to

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grant the same, in the several Parishes throughout this province, of the Number of Cattle and the several Kinds thereof: Also of the Quantity of Grain and Flour, which respectively may be in the possession of all and every person and persons in the said Parishes.

The said Captains of Militia are further commanded speedily to make return of their several Proceedings herein; those in the District of Quebec, to Mr. Dupré, Colonel of Militia; those of Three Rivers, to Mr. Tonancour, Colonel of Militia; those of the District of Montreal, on the North side of the said River, to the Officer commanding his Majesty's Troops at Sorel.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at the Castle of St. Lewis, this second day of February One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and in the twenty-second year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEO: POWNALL, Secy.

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Quebec Gazette, February 7, 1782.*By His Excellency*

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon in America Vice Admiral of the same General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Whereas His Majesty in His most honourable privy Council at St. James's, on the eighteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one; hath been pleased to Signify His Royal disallowance of, and declare void, and of none effect; a certain Ordinance made and passed in the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City and Province of Quebec, on the twelfth day of April, in the twentieth year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled, "An Ordinance describing the persons who shall be deemed Forestallers, Regrators and Ingrossers in this Province, and inflicting punishments upon those who shall be found guilty of such offences."

I do Therefore, publicly notify all judges, Magistrates, and others, whom it doth or may concern, that the Said Ordinance above recited, and every part thereof, is by His Majesty's Pleasure to me Signified, Repealed; and become null, void, and of no force or effect whatsoever. And of which I do require all manner of persons to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec this Third day of October, in the twenty second year of His Majesty's Reign, and year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEO: POWNALL, Secy.

GOD Save the KING.

From the signed and sealed original, in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of October 17, 1782.

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29a

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America; Vice-admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

The welfare of this Province, and His Majesty's Service, make it needful at this time to assemble the Legislative Council.

I do therefore require the meeting of the said Council, and that the respective members of the same do give their attendance at the Council Chamber, in the Castle of St. Lewis, at Quebec, on Friday the seventeenth day of January instant.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and in the twenty-third year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEO: POWNALL, Secy.

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Quebec Gazette, January 9, 1783.

By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America; Vice-Admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas the safety of the property of His Majesty's liege Subjects, and the necessary defence of this Province, may Speedily require that all Grain, Cattle and Provisions, which might in any degree favour or afford succour to an Invasion in this province, by the King's Subjects in Rebellion; should be deposited in places of security, for protection and defence, by the King's Troops under my Command.

Therefore, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, I have published this Proclamation; requiring all His Majesty's Subjects, to prepare without delay for such an Event; by diligently causing their Grain of what kind soever, to be forthwith threshed and prepared, ready to be transported, if needful, to such places of Security as may be Judged proper, for the safety of the same, and the necessary defence of the province.

His Majesty's Subjects will answer at their peril and Risk, the disobedience of an injunction requisite, and made for the preservation of their property, and the Security and defence of the Province.

The several Captains and other officers of Militia, are hereby commanded to use all Diligence, in causing this Proclamation to be carried into Speedy and due Execu-

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tion: And, that without Delay, they do severally proceed to take an exact account from all and every His Majesty's Subjects, and who are hereby strictly enjoined to grant the same in the several Parishes throughout this province, of the number of Cattle and the several kinds thereof. Also of the quantity of Grain and Flour which respectively may be in the possession of all and every person and persons in the said Parishes.

The said Captains of Militia are further Commanded speedily to make return of their several proceedings therein. those in the District of Quebec to Mr. Dupré Colonel of Militia, those of Three Rivers, to Mr. Tonancourt Colonel of Militia. those of the District of Montreal on the North side of the River St. Lawrence to Mr. Neveu Sevestre, Colonel of Militia; And those in the said District on the south side of the said River, to the Officer Commanding his Majesty's Troops at Sorel.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in Council, at the Castle of St. Lewis this Seventeenth Day of January one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty three, and in the twenty third year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command

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By His Excellency

FREDERICK HALDIMAND,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America; Vice-admiral of the same. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

The welfare of this Province, and His Majesty's Service, make it needful at this time to assemble the Legislative Council,

I do therefore Require the meeting of the said Council, and that the respective members of the same to give their attendance at the Council Chamber, in the Castle of St. Lewis at Quebec, on Monday the twenty-second day of March instant, at Noon.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four and in the twenty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign.

FRED: HALDIMAND.

By His Excellency's Command,
Ja; Shepherd, Act. Secry.

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Quebec Gazette, March 11, 1784.

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By the Honorable

HENRY HAMILTON, Esq;

*Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of Quebec,
and the territories depending thereon in America, &c. &c. &c.*

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it has pleased his most gracious Majesty, to grant leave of absence to His Excellency Frederick Haldimand, Captain General and Governor in chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the territories thereon depending, His Excellency having in consequence availed himself thereof, and the trust reposed in him, thereby devolving upon the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation, signifying the same, and do hereby command and require, all officers of His Majesty's Government of Quebec, and all other persons whom it doth or may concern, to take notice, and henceforth govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis in the city of Quebec this sixteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, and in the twenty fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

HENRY HAMILTON.

By the Lieutenant Governor's command,
Geo; Pownall, Secretary

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Quebec Gazette, November 18, 1784.*By the Honorable**Henry Hamilton, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon in America, &c.
&c. &c.*

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas his Majesty's Service and the welfare of this Province make it necessary to assemble the Legislative Council.

I do therefore require the attendance of the respective Members of the said Council at the Council-Chamber, in the Bishop's Palace, at Quebec, on Thursday the tenth day of February next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this thirteenth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and in the twenty-fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

HENRY HAMILTON.

By the Lieutenant-Governor's Command,
Geo; Pownall, Secretary.

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Quebec Gazette, January 13, 1785.

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By the Honorable

HENRY HAMILTON, Esq;

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it has been reported to me, That an illicit commerce has of late been carried on between the subjects of the neighbouring States of America and the Inhabitants of this Province, injurious to the trade of Great-Britain, and contrary to law: I do therefore, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, publish this Proclamation, hereby strictly prohibiting all such illicit commerce, and notifying to all whom it doth or may concern, That the several Acts of Parliament in force in this Province, for regulating and restraining the Plantation trade, will be put in execution according to their true intent and meaning, against all persons who shall presume in any way to contravene the same. And I do hereby require all persons, as well foreigners as subjects, to regulate themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at the Castle of St. Louis, in the city of Quebec, this ninth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, and in the 25th year of His Majesty's reign.

HENRY HAMILTON.

By the Lieutenant-governor's Command,

Geo: Pownall, Secretary.

GOD Save the KING.

*Quebec Gazette, March 10, 1785.**By the Honorable*

HENRY HOPE, Esq.

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Brigadier General, Commanding in Chief His Majesty's Forces in the said Province, and the Frontiers, &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas it has pleased His Most Gracious Majesty to appoint me, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, And whereas during the absence of His Excellency Frederick Haldimand, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, the trust reposed in him devolves on the Lieutenant Governor of the said Province.

Therefore I have thought fit to Issue this Proclamation, signifying the same, and I do hereby Command and require all officers of His Majesty's Government of Quebec, and all other persons whom it doth or may Concern to take notice, and henceforth govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at the Castle of St Lewis, in the City of Quebec, this second day of November in the twenty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

HENRY HOPE.

By His Honor the Lieutenant-governor's Command,

Geo. Pownall, Sec.

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Quebec Gazette, Nov. 3, 1785.

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By the Honorable Henry Hope Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon in America. Brigadier General Commanding in Chief His Majesty's Forces in the said Province, and the Frontiers thereof &c. &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas I have been informed that the Acadians who have been long Settled on ungranted Crown Lands in the Bay of Chaleur in the Province of Quebec, suffer great anxiety from the apprehensions of losing the Establishment they had obtained by their Labour and Industry.

Therefore I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation for the purpose of tranquillizing their Minds, and to assure these People, that whilst they continue to behave as peaceable and good Subjects of the King—they will meet with the Protection and Encouragement of Government—and that such of them as shall produce to Nicholas Cox Esq^r. Lieutenant Governor of Gaspée and its Dependencies. Authentic proofs of their having Cleared and Improved the Crown Lands on which they are Settled—same not having been previously granted—shall receive Deeds of Concession thereof at the same time and on the same tenure with the Loyalists lately Settled in the said Bay, upon their taking the Oaths and having made and signed the Declaration required by the Instructions.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of St Lewis in the City of Quebec this Twenty fifth Day of November in the Twenty Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty five.

Sigd. HENRY HOPE.

Countersig^d

Geo. Pownall

From a draft in the Public Archives of Canada. This proclamation was not published in the *Quebec Gazette*, but that it was published by other methods is established by the terms of the Proclamation of May 9, 1786.

By the Honble HENRY HOPE Esq^r.

PROCLAMATION.

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec and the Territories depending thereon. Brigadier General, commanding in Chief His Majesty's Forces in the said Province and the Frontiers thereof &c. &c. &c.

Proclamation.

Whereas His Majesty's service, and the Welfare of this Province, make it necessary to assemble the Legislative Council.

I do therefore require the attendance of the respective Members of the said Council at the Council Chamber in the Castle of Saint Lewis, at Quebec on the sixth day of February next.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at the Castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec this Twentieth day of Jan^y, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty six in the Twenty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor the Lieut.
Governors Command.

HENRY HOPE.

Geo. Pownall Sec^{ry}

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PROCLAMATION.

By HENRY HOPE, Esquire.

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief in and over the province of Quebec and the Territories thereon depending Brigadier General and Commander in chief of His Majesty's forces in the said province, and the frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

Whereas Colonel Thomas Dundas and Jeremy Pemberton Esquires Commissioners specially named and appointed by an Act of parliament, made and passed in the twenty-fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners further to enquire into the Losses and Services of all such persons who have suffered in their Rights, Properties and Professions during the late unhappy dissensions in America in consequence of their Loyalty to his Majesty, and Attachment to the British Government," in a dispatch addressed to me received by Express last night by the way of New Brunswick dated at the Office of American Claims at Halifax in Nova Scotia the 17th of November last, have intimated their arrival there for the purposes specified in the said Act, which they have transmitted to me, together with a copy of a Notice or Explanation that they have thought necessary to publish, "in order to inform persons concerned of the manner in which they intend to proceed in examining former claims, and in receiving and examining new Ones; requesting of me to make the same public in this province: And whereas the said Commissioners have observed to me in their Letter that though by the method pointed out in their Notice they have greatly consulted the convenience of persons concerned, so as to prevent a too early or unnecessary attendance, yet that they the said Commissioners wish them also to be aware that they shall proceed from day to day at Halifax with all the expedition in their power; and as the mode adopted by parliament seems to be by ordering payment upon account to those Claimants whose cases are satisfactorily proved, that it is but justice to apprize them of the advantages which they may gain by a priority of Hearing, and how much it is their Interest to have an early examination of their Claims, at which their personal attendance will be necessary." I do hereby, with the advice of His Majesty's Council notify to all persons whom it may concern within this province that on the thirteenth day of March next I shall dispatch an Express to Halifax for the purpose of forwarding to the Office of American Claims there, all such Claims, made conformable to the said Notice, as may at any time before that day be transmitted to me at the Castle of St. Lewis. And for the further Information and Direction of all persons concerned, I have caused the said Act of Parliament and Notice to be herewith published in the Quebec Gazette.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at the Castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec the twenty first day of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty six.

HENRY HOPE.

By the Lieutenant-governor's Command,
Geo Pownall, Secry.

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From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of January 23, 1786.

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PROCLAMATION.

By the Honorable

HENRY HOPE, Esq:

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in, and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America. Brigadier-General Commanding in Chief His Majesty's Forces in said Province, and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

As an Encouragement to Deserters who may be willing to return to their Duty, but from which they may be deterred through fear of that exemplary Punishment, prescribed by the Law for the Crime of Desertion, and denounced so particularly to this Army against the future Commission of that Offence in the General Orders of the 16th of June 1785. In consequence of His Majesty's Pleasure signified thereon to the Commander in Chief of His Forces in this Province—I hereby nevertheless offer a full Pardon for the aforesaid Offence, to all such Soldiers, as may have deserted previous to the above Period, from any part of the Army that have served in this Province; and who shall return to their duty by delivering themselves up to any of the Regiments at this Time serving under my Command, on or before the first of June ensuing.

Given under my Hand at Head Quarters, Quebec, February the 28th, 1786.

(Signed) HENRY HOPE.

By Order of the Commander in Chief,
F. W. Farquhar, M. Secr.

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Quebec Gazette, March 2, 1786.

By the Honorable

HENRY HOPE, Esq:

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Brigadier-General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province, and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it has been represented to me in Council, that the Secretary's Office in the Bishop's Palace was broken into in the night between the twenty-second and twenty-third days of March last by persons hitherto unknown, who after having forced open several Drawers, Boxes, and other Repositories of public and private papers, took away several articles of Stationery, and other Effects, particularly a brass-hilted Hanger and black leather Sheath broken at the point. And whereas it has likewise been represented to me in Council that in the night of the twenty-ninth of the same month, a Store belonging to Mr. William Gill in the Lower-town of Quebec was broken into, the shutters of the shew-windows thereof, together with the window frames and several panes of glass being forced open, and several articles of Earthen Ware taken therefrom by persons likewise unknown. And whereas divers other felonies have lately been attempted in and about the City of Quebec, In Order to discover and bring to condign punishment

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the perpetrators of the Crimes above described, I have thought fit, by the advice of His Majesty's Council, to publish this Proclamation hereby promising His Majesty's gracious pardon to any person who shall discover his accomplices in perpetrating either of the said Crimes, upon the conviction of any one or more of them: And if such person be a soldier, he shall have his Discharge and Passage to Europe. Moreover, I promise a Reward of One Hundred Dollars to such Informer, to be paid to him by His Majesty's Receiver-General of this Province, immediately upon conviction as aforesaid.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at the Castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec, the fourth Day of April, 1786.

HENRY HOPE.

By the Lieutenant-Governor's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Secry.

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Quebec Gazette, April 6, 1786.

By the Honorable

HENRY HOPE,

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, Brigadier General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province, and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, in consequence of Information conveyed to me from the Accadians and other persons who have been long settled on ungranted Lands in the Bay of Chaleurs, that they suffered great anxiety from the apprehensions of losing the establishments which they had acquired by their Labour and Industry:—I did on the 25th day of November last, for the purpose of quieting their minds, issue my Proclamation, assuring them that while they continued to behave as peaceable and good subjects to the King, they would receive protection and encouragement from Government; and that such of them as should produce to Nicholas Cox, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of Gaspée and its dependencies, authentic proofs of their having cleared and improved the Lands on which they were settled, should (in case the same had not been previously granted) receive deeds of Concession thereof, at the same time, and on the same terms and conditions with the Loyalists lately settled in the said Bay, upon their taking the Oaths and making and signing the Declaration required from them by His Majesty's Instruction.

And whereas in Order to fulfill the said assurances entered into on my part, it is expedient that the said several Settlers should on their parts recognize themselves, and make an exact designation as to the extent and boundaries of the Lands they may have severally settled upon and improved;

I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby requiring and commanding all persons, whether Accadians, Canadians or Europeans, settled at Chaleurs Bay who claim, or have any pretensions to any Lands, be it with or without any written titles, to deliver their names in writing and lodge their pretensions to such Lands specifically and amply stated, with Samuel Holland, Esq, Surveyor General, or with John Collins, Esq, Deputy Surveyor General of the Province, one of whom I shall direct shortly to repair to Chaleurs Bay, to receive the Pretensions and Claims of the Settlers, to make a faithful Extract of the Grants or other written Titles which may be produced to him, and an exact survey of

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all their different Settlements; in order that upon the Return of the Surveyor, and a Report made by the said Samuel Holland, Esq^r, or by the said John Collins, Esq^r, of all his Doings in the premises, such other and further proceedings may be had for the purpose of obtaining Grants thereof to them, as to Law and Justice shall appertain.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, the Ninth day of May, 1796.

HENRY HOPE.

By the Lieutenant Governor's Command,
George Pownall, Sec^y.

God Save the King.

From the original (signed but not sealed) in the Public Archives of Canada.
Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of May 11, 1786.

By The Honorable
HENRY HOPE, Esq;

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Quebec, Brigadier-General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the said Province, and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the Lease under which His Majesty's Domain Lands and Posts, commonly called and known by the name of the King's Posts, and the Fisheries belonging to the same, are held by Thomas Dunn, William Grant, and Peter Stuart, Esquires, expires on the first day of October next. And Whereas it hath graciously pleased the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by Letters Patent under the Public Seal of this Province, bearing date the twenty-first day of June last, to grant to Alexander Davison; George Davison and Francis Baby, Esquires, all the said Domain Lands, Posts and Fisheries, for the Term of Ten Years certain, commencing the first day of October next, and for Six Years longer, if notice to quit, be not given on the part of His Majesty, under the order and direction of the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury. For the purpose therefore of securing to them, the said Alexander Davison, George Davison and Francis Baby, the peaceable and full Possession and Enjoyment of the said Domain Lands, Posts and Fisheries, and the Exclusive right of trading thereat, for the said Term of Years, free from intrusion, hindrance or molestation by any trader or traders, or any other person or persons whatsoever within the Limits of the said Domain Lands and Posts, and the dependencies thereof; I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation, hereby strictly warning and forbidding all manner of Persons whatsoever, (excepting those who shall be duly authorised by the said New Lessees,) from going to trade with the Indians, or otherwise obtruding themselves within the Limits of the said Domain Lands, Posts and Fisheries, or any of the Dependencies thereof; and from Seducing or Enticing away any of the Indians therefrom, as well as from interrupting, disturbing or molesting the said New Lessees, or their Agents and Servants in their Exclusive right of trade thereat, in any manner whatsoever, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis in the City of Quebec, the twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

HENRY HOPE.

By the Lieutenant-Governor's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Sec^y.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette, September 28, 1786.

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By His Excellency the Right Honorable

GUY LORD DORCHESTER,

Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Colonies of Quebec, Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick, and their dependencies; Vice-Admiral of the same; General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in the said Colonies, and the Island of Newfoundland, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is expedient, for the good of his Majesty's service, and the welfare of his subjects in the province of Quebec, that the Legislative Council, for the affairs of the said province, should be assembled.

I do, therefore, Require the attendance of the respective Members of the said Council, at the Council-Chamber in the Castle of St. Lewis, on Monday the fifteenth day of January next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the city of Quebec, the twentieth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, and in the twenty-seventh year of his Majesty's Reign.

DORCHESTER.

By His Excellency's Command,
Geo: Pownall, Secretary.

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Quebec Gazette, December 21, 1786.*By the KING.*

For the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue, and for preventing and punishing of Vice, Profaneness, and Immorality.

GEORGE R.

Whereas we cannot but observe, with inexpressible concern, the rapid progress of impiety and licentiousness, and that deluge of profaneness, immorality, and every kind of vice, which, to the scandal of our holy religion, and to the evil example of our loving subjects, hath broken in upon this nation: we therefore, esteeming it our indispensable duty to exert the authority committed to us for the suppression of these spreading evils, fearing lest that they should provoke God's wrath and indignation against us, and humbly acknowledging that we cannot expect the blessing and goodness of Almighty God (by whom Kings reign, and on which we rely) to make our reign happy and prosperous to ourself and our people, without a religious observance of God's holy laws; to the intent that religion, piety, and good manners, may (according to our most hearty desire) flourish and increase under our administration and government, have thought fit by the advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and hereby declare our royal purpose and resolution to discountenance and punish all manner of vice, profaneness, and immorality, in all persons of whatsoever degree or quality, within this our realm, and particularly in such as are employed near our royal person; and that, for the encouragement of religion and morality, we will, upon all occasions, distinguish persons of piety and virtue, by marks of our royal favour: and we do expect and require, that all persons of honour, or in place of authority, will give good example by their own piety and virtue, and to their utmost contribute to the discountenancing

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persons of dissolute and debauched lives, that they, being reduced by that means to shame and contempt for their loose and evil actions and behaviour, may be thereby also enforced the sooner to reform their ill habits and practices, and that the visible displeasure of good men towards them, may, (as far as it is possible) supply what the laws (probably) cannot altogether prevent; and we do hereby strictly enjoin and prohibit all our loving subjects, of what degree or quality soever, from playing, on the Lord's Day, at dice, cards, or any other game whatsoever, either in public or private houses, or other place or places whatsoever: and we do hereby require and command them, and every of them, decently and reverently to attend the worship of God on the Lord's Day, on pain of our highest displeasure, and of being proceeded against with the utmost rigour that may be by law. And, for the more effectual reforming all such persons, who by reason of their dissolute lives and conversation, are a scandal to our kingdom, our further pleasure is, and we do hereby strictly charge and command all our Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all other our officers and ministers, both ecclesiastical and civil, and all other subjects, to be very vigilant and strict in the discovery and the effectual prosecution and punishment of all persons who shall be guilty of excessive drinking, blasphemy, profane swearing and cursing, lewdness, profanation of the Lord's Day, or other dissolute, immoral, or disorderly practices; and that they take care also effectually to suppress all public gaming houses and other loose and disorderly houses, and also all unlicensed public shews, interludes, and places of entertainment, using the utmost caution in licensing the same: also to suppress all loose and licentious prints, books and publications dispersing poison to the minds of the young and unwary, and to punish the publishers and venders thereof; and to put into execution the statute made in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of the late King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the better Observation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday; also an act of parliament made in the ninth year of the reign of the late King William the Third, intituled, An Act for the more effectual suppressing of Blasphemy and Profaneness; and also an act passed in the twenty-first year of our reign, intituled, An Act for preventing certain Abuses and Profanations on the Lord's Day, called Sunday; and all other laws now in force for the punishing and suppressing any of the vices aforesaid; and also to suppress and prevent all gaming whatsoever in public or private houses on the Lord's Day; and likewise that they take effectual care to prevent all persons keeping taverns, chocolate houses, coffee houses, or other public houses whatsoever, from selling wine, chocolate, coffee, ale, beer, or other liquors, or receiving or permitting guests to be or remain in such their houses in time of Divine Service on the Lord's Day, as they will answer it to Almighty God, and upon pain of our highest displeasure. And for the more effectual proceeding herein, we do hereby direct and command all our Judges of Assize, and Justices of the Peace, to give strict charge at their respective assizes and sessions, for the due prosecution and punishment of all persons that shall presume to offend in any of the crimes aforesaid; and also of all persons that, contrary to their duty, shall be remiss or negligent in putting the said laws in execution; and that they do, at their respective assizes and quarter sessions of the peace, cause this our Royal Proclamation to be publicly read in open Court, immediately before the charge is given. And we do hereby further charge and command every minister in his respective parish, church or chapel to read this our Proclamation at least four times in every year, immediately after Divine Service, and to incite and stir up their respective auditors to the practice of piety and virtue, and the avoiding of all immorality and profaneness. And, to the end that all vice and debauchery may be prevented, and religion and virtue practised by all officers, private soldiers, marines, and others who are employed in our service by sea and land, we do hereby strictly charge and command all our commanders and officers whatsoever, that they do take care to avoid all profaneness, debauchery, and other immoralities, and that by their own good and virtuous lives and conversation, they do set good examples to all such as are under their care and authority; and likewise take care of and inspect the behaviour of

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all such as are under them and punish all those who shall be guilty of any of the offences aforesaid, as they will be answerable for the ill consequences of their neglect herein.

Given at our Court of St. James's, the first day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, in the twenty-seventh year of our reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette, October 25, 1787.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States, and for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves.

GEORGE R.

Whereas We are informed, That great Numbers of Mariners and Seafaring Men, Our natural-born Subjects, are in the Service of divers Foreign Princes and States, to the Prejudice of our Kingdom; We have therefore thought it necessary, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby strictly charge and command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever and wheresoever, (being Our natural-born Subjects) who are in the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, That forthwith they, and every of them, do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themselves, depart from, and quit such Foreign Services, and return Home to their Native Countries. And further, We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever, (being Our natural-born Subjects) from entering, and do charge and command them, and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or to serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel whatsoever, without Our Special Licence first had and obtained in that Behalf; to all which We expect due Obedience, and exact Conformity. And We do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur Our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt according to the utmost Severities of the Law. And We do hereby declare, that if any such Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Seafaring Men, (being Our Subjects) shall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be reclaimed by Us as Subjects of Great Britain. And We do hereby further promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, shall be paid any Person who shall discover any Seaman or Seamen who may secrete themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for Our said Service by any of Our Sea Officers employed for raising Men; the said Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen so discovered and taken in and about London, by the principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy: And at the Out-ports by the Naval Officers (where there are any); and (where there are no Naval Officers) by the Collectors of Our Customs, immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the said principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, Naval Officers, or Collectors respectively, by the Person who may make Discovery of any Seaman or Seamen as aforesaid, certifying his Name, and the Name or Names and Number of Seamen procured in consequence of his Discovery; the said Certificate to be given by such Officer as may take such Seaman or Seamen for Our Service.

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Given at Our Court at St. James's the Twenty-first Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

For encouraging Seamen and Landmen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

Whereas it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen and Landmen who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service; We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation: And we do hereby promise and declare, That all such Able Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty years, fit for Our Service, who shall on or before the Thirty-first Day of October next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or Officers employed in Tenders, or at Rendezvous on shore, for raising Men for the Service of Our Navy, shall receive, as Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Three Pounds each Man; and all such Ordinary Seamen, fit for Our Service, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Two Pounds each Man; and all such Able bodied Landmen, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Twenty Shillings each Man, as Our Royal Bounty; such respective Sums to be paid them by the respective Clerks of the Cheque, residing at the Ports or Places where the Ships into which they shall be entered shall be, immediately after the Third Muster of such Seamen and Landmen: And We do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen and Landmen so entering themselves as aforesaid, shall be certified by the Captain, Master, and Boatswain of the Ship or Vessel where they shall enter. And for Prevention of any Abuses, by any Persons leaving the Vessels to which they shall belong, and entering themselves on Board any other Our Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money, We do hereby declare and command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels, as shall absent themselves from any of the said Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall enter themselves on Board any other of Our said Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty, shall not only lose the Wages due them in the Ships or Vessels they shall leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-first Day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, in the Twenty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

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GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith:

To all Our loving Subjects whom these presents may concern; Greeting:

Whereas by an act or ordinance of Our province of Quebec, intituled, an ordinance to continue in force for a limited time, an ordinance made in the twenty-fifth year of his majesty's reign, intituled, "An ordinance to regulate the proceedings in the courts of civil judicature, and to establish trials by juries in actions of a commercial nature, and personal wrongs to be compensated in damages, with such additional regulations as are expedient and necessary," authority is given to the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, to appoint judges or commissioners for the trial of small causes in jurisdictions of limits to be ascertained by their commissions, and to regulate the fees of the commissioners and their subordinate officers, and to direct their mode of proceeding. Know ye therefore that in pursuance of the said act or ordinance, and for carrying the same into execution, Our said governor, by and with the advice and consent of Our said council, hath thought fit to establish, and doth hereby establish the following regulations:

FIRST.

That the court be held by not less than two of the commissioners, and for the first time, in a month after the commissioners and the other officers thereof shall have severally taken the oath of office, well and faithfully to execute the same according to the best of their skill and understanding; and afterwards monthly, or oftner on adjournment, at some place nearly central or most convenient to the settled parts of the circle or precinct of their jurisdiction.

SECONDLY.

That all process run in the King's name, and issue out of the office of the clerk of the circle appointed under the Great Seal of Our said province, and be served by the serjeant thereof thereunto appointed by the commissioners or the majority of them, under their hands and seals, and determinable at their pleasure.

THIRDLY.

That the general course of proceeding, as nearly as the law may require and permit, may be according to the manner specified in the following articles:

1st. All plaintiffs applying to the clerks office shall have process of summons to the serjeant against residents of the circle, and of *capias* against persons non-residents of the province, on affidavit filed shewing the stated residence of the defendant to be out of the bounds of the province.

2d. If the defendant, being duly served with the process, stating the general cause of action, shall not make defence at the return thereof, the court is to hear the plaintiff's cause and proofs and give Judgment for such sum as according to equity and good conscience shall appear to be due, with costs.

3d. If the defendant appears, the plaintiff's cause or demand shall be signified in writing or a note thereof entered in the minutes of the court, and in like manner the plea or defence, and the cause be tried and adjudged at the next court, unless there be good cause shewn to postpone the same.

4th. If the plaintiff shall make default in prosecuting his complaint, he shall have judgment of non-pross against him with costs to the defendant.

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5th. Unless non-residents of the province give bail on arrest, the serjeant shall carry them to the goal of the circle, and if there is none erected, to the goal of the district of which that circle is a part, where they are to be safely kept, and remain until discharged by the consent of the plaintiff, or the order of the commissioners of the circle certified by the clerk.

6th. A deposit by the defendant, on *capias*, of money of the value of the demand and probable costs, or of effects easily kept by the clerk without charge, of double the value of the debt demanded, and approved by any one of the commissioners under his hand and seal, shall be a substitute for bail.

7th. When the court directs money to be paid, they may award execution against body or goods, except bed, bedding, wearing apparel, tools of a trade and beasts of the plough, and necessary instruments of husbandry, but only against the body in case of residents, on good ground shewn to the court, by affidavit other than of the party interested, to apprehend a secretion of the goods, or open resistance by force, to avoid the execution.

8th. If the court shall see cause to order the debt to be recovered by instalments, and there be a default of the first payment, execution may run for the whole debt and costs: The whole of the instalments not to exceed three months.

9th. Every execution shall separately express the sum adjudged for the debt, and the sum for the costs, and upon payment before execution executed (by distress and sale of the goods of the defendant) it shall be superseded, and the party and his effects discharged; and between the judgment and execution, and also between the execution and sale, eight days shall intervene, and that such sale be after public advertisement put up in the clerk's office, and such execution shall have the articles of the costs inscribed thereon.

10th. The clerk shall keep a book, and therein minute the transactions of the court in the regular order of time; substantially but succinctly, shewing the acts of the court in every cause; and shall preserve the process, pleadings, and all writings, that come into his office in proper files, that the court may be able to exemplify and report any case of the same when thereunto required.

11th. The same seal shall be used for all the proceedings of the court, and kept by the clerk.

12th. The clerk shall give free access at all times for inspecting the minutes and files in his office, to the judges of the court of common pleas or either of them desiring the same, and once a year transmit a certified copy of the minutes to the chief justice of the province for the time being, that there may be regularity and uniformity in the dispensation of justice in all the courts, until the legislature shall have made other provisions suitable to their special cases and condition.

13th. No execution is to issue upon a judgment for more than two pounds of debt, unless the parties before trial had openly consented to the hearing, before the court of requests. Causes above that sum, and under ten pounds, where such previous consent was not had and entered in the minutes, being to await the coming and judgment of one of the judges of the common pleas in their usual circuits.

FOURTH

Respecting the fees to be taken in the said court, they are to be agreeable to the following table, a fair and legible copy whereof (with a translation into French) is to be constantly hanging up in some conspicuous part of the said court.

The commissioners fees to be equally divided among such as then attended the court.

	£	s.	d.
On the first motion on the return of process	0	2	6
On issuing every execution, more	0	5	0

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	£	s.	d.
The Clerk's fees.			
Entering the action on application for process.. . . .	0	0	2
The process and seal.. . . .	0	0	4
Stating plaintiff's charge on the minutes.. . . .	0	2	6
Stating the defence.. . . .	0	2	6
At the hearing or trial.. . . .	0	0	2
Non-pross entered.. . . .	0	0	10
Execution.. . . .	0	1	0
Satisfaction acknowledged.. . . .	0	0	6
Attachment for non-appearance.. . . .	0	0	10
Subpoena.. . . .	0	0	3
On payment of money into court, a poundage of.. . . .	0	0	4
Every order entered.. . . .	0	0	6
Warrant of commitment for contempt.. . . .	0	0	6
Every search of the minutes to obtain an extract.. . . .	0	0	2
The extract for under 100 words, and the certificate.. . . .	0	1	0
The Serjeants fees.			
Suing process.. . . .	0	0	4
Calling every witness before the court.. . . .	0	0	1
Calling the plaintiff and defendant before the court.. . . .	0	0	2
Every execution.. . . .	0	1	0
A mileage fee on all process, per mile.. . . .	0	0	4

In testimony of the establishment of which said regulations, We have caused these presents to be made patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness Our trusty and well-beloved GUY LORD DORCHESTER. Captain-general and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, &c. at Our Castle of Saint Lewis, in the city of Quebec, on the nineteenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and in the twenty-eighth year of Our Reign.

DORCHESTER.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEO. POWNALL, Secy.

Quebec Gazette, February 21, 1788.*By the* KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For recalling and prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States.
GEORGE R.

Whereas it hath been represented unto Us, That Attempts are made to entice Mariners and Seafaring Men, Our Natural-born Subjects, to enter into the Service of Foreign Princes and States, contrary to their Duty to Us, and without Regard to the perfect Amity now subsisting between Us and all the other Powers of Europe; We have therefore thought it necessary, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge and command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men, whatsoever and wheresoever (being our Natural-born Subjects,) who may have entered into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, without Our Special License and Authority in that Behalf heretofore obtained, that forthwith they and every of them do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themselves, depart from and quit such Foreign Services, and return Home to their Native Countries; And further, We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever (being Our Natural-born Subjects,) from entering, and do

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charge and command them, and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or to serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel whatsoever, without our Special License first had and obtained in that Behalf; to all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity: And We do hereby publish and declare, That the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur Our Just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt according to the utmost Severities of the Law: And We do hereby declare, That if any such Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Seafaring Men (being Our Subjects,) shall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be reclaimed by Us as Subjects of Great-Britain.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's House, the Twenty-second Day of March,
One thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, in the Twenty-eighth Year of
Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Quebec Gazette, June 5, 1788.

(Signed) George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, DORCHESTER, G: France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all Our loving Subjects, Greeting: Whereas Our Province of Quebec stands at present divided only into two Districts, and by virtue of two certain Acts or Ordinances, the one passed by Our Governor and the Legislative Council, in the twenty-seventh year of Our Reign, and the other in the present year, provision is made for forming and organizing one or more new Districts: Now therefore KNOW YE, That Our Governor of Our said Province, by the advice and consent of Our Council of Our said Province, and in pursuance of the Acts and Ordinances aforesaid, hath formed, and doth hereby form, the several new Districts hereinafter described and named, to wit, the District of Lunenburg, bounded on the East by the Eastern-limit of a tract lately called or known by the name of Lancaster, protracted Northerly and Southerly as far as Our said Province extends, and bounded Westerly by a North and South line intersecting the mouth of the river Gananoque, now called the Thames, above the rifts of the Saint Lawrence, and extending Southerly and Northerly to the limits of Our said Province, therein comprehending the several towns or tracts called or known by the names of Lancaster, Charlottenburg, Cornwall, Osnabruck, Williamsburg, Matilda, Edwardsburg, Augusta and Elizabeth-Town; And also one other District to be called the District of Mecklenburg, extending within the North and South bounds of Our said Province, from the Western limits of the said District of Lunenburg, as far Westerly as to a North and South line intersecting the mouth of a river now called the Trent, discharging itself from the West into the head of the Bay of Quinty, and therein comprehending the several towns or tracts called or known by the names of Pittsburg, Kingston, Ernest-Town, Fredericksburg, Adolphus-Town, Marysburg, Sophiasburg, Ameliasburg, Sydney, Thurlow, Richmond and Camden; and also one other District to be called the district of Nassau, extending within the North and South bounds of Our said Province, from the Western limit of the last mentioned District, so far Westerly as to a North and South line, intersecting the extreme projection of Long-point into the Lake Erie, on the Northerly side of the said Lake Erie; and also one other District to be called the District of Hesse, which is to comprehend all the residue of Our said Province, in the Western or inland parts thereof, of the entire breadth thereof, from the Southerly to the Northerly boundaries of the same; and also one other District to be called the District of Gaspé, and to comprehend all that part of Our said Province on the Southerly side of the river Saint Lawrence, to the Eastward of a North and South line intersecting the North-easterly side of Cape Cat, which is on the Southerly side of the said river, of which all Our loving Subjects are to take

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due notice and 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 Trusty and Well-beloved Guy Lord Dorchester, Captain-general and Governor in chief of Our said Province, at Our Castle of Saint Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and of Our Reign the Twenty-eighth.

(Signed,) D.

(Signed,)

GEO: POWNALL, Secry.

Quebec Gazette, July 31, 1788.

(Signed) George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, DORCHESTER, G: France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. To all Our loving Subjects, Greeting: Whereas Our Province of Quebec, by virtue of Our Letters Patent bearing equal date with these presents, and under the authority of the Act or Ordinance therein mentioned, is formed into several additional Districts, distinguished by the names of Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nassau, Hesse and Gaspé, and the same Districts are, or are intended to be, organized in the manner heretofore used and established in the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, of which the said new Districts were parcel. And whereas by reason of the special provision made for the support of the Judges of the Common-pleas of the said Districts of Quebec and Montreal, no Fees were allowed for Services by the Judges performed, in the Table of Fees contained in a certain Act or Ordinance passed in the Twentieth year of Our Reign, intituled, "An Ordinance for the regulation and establishment of Fees;" and it being conceived to be expedient by Our Governor and Council of Our said Province, in making provision for the Judges of the said new Districts, to allow them moderate and reasonable Fees for their Services: KNOW YE, therefore, That We have ordained and declared, and by these presents do ordain and declare, that the Judges of the said new Districts respectively, may ask, take and receive, for the Services by them to be performed, such Fees, Perquisites, and Emoluments, as are specified in the Table of Fees hereinafter mentioned.— And We do further declare and command, that in all the Certificates and Taxations by the said Judges, of the Fees and Services of the other Officers of their respective Districts, they be regulated by the Rates, for similar Services in the Table of Fees first above-mentioned, until other provision be made and given respecting the same, and that the said Judges take to themselves no higher Fees for their own Services, than such as are herein expressed and hereby established, to wit, In each Small Cause, no more for the whole labor therein than the sum of Six Shillings, and in Causes of Ten Pounds and upwards, the following Fees: For a Fiat for Process, Five Shillings.—An Affidavit to ground Process, Two Shillings and Six-pence.—The Examination of a Witness out of Court in case of necessity, Ten Shillings.—A Recognizance of Bail, Five Shillings.—Taxing or certifying a Bill of Costs, Eight Shillings.—A Return to a Writ of Appeal, each Judge Four Shillings.—On the First Motion after the Return of Process, equally to be divided among the Judges then attending, Nine Shillings.— If the matter in demand be in value above Thirty Pounds and Under One Hundred Pounds, Eighteen Shillings.—If above One Hundred Pounds, One Pound Ten Shillings.—On Final Judgment, Ten Shillings.—If the demand be above Thirty Pounds and under One Hundred Pounds, One Pound.—If above One Hundred Pounds, One Pound Ten Shillings. In Testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be thereunto affixed. Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Guy Lord Dorchester, Our Captain-general and Governor in Chief of

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Our said Province, at the Castle of Saint Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, the twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and of Our Reign the Twenty-eighth.

(Signed,) D.

(Signed,)

GEO. POWNALL, Sec.

Quebec Gazette, July 31, 1788.

(Signed)

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and DORCHESTER G:

Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To Our loving Subjects, René Boileau, François Petrimonte, and Simon Covel, Esquires, and to all to whom these Presents may come or concern; Greeting: Whereas by one certain Act or Ordinance lately passed by Our Governor and the Legislative Council of Our Province of Quebec, it is among other Matters therein mentioned, for the more convenient Dispensation of Justice in small Causes, thereby enacted and ordained, that it should and might be lawful for Our Governor or the Commander in Chief of the said Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of Our Council, to appoint by Commission such and so many Persons as he should think fit, and for such Parts of the said Province as he shall think proper, to hear summarily and determine finally without Appeal, all Matters of Debt of Ten Pounds, or under, and that it should likewise be lawful for Our Governor or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of Our Council, to regulate the Fees to be taken by the Persons so commissioned, and by their subordinate Officers, and to direct a Mode of proceeding for them, whereof and the Extent of their Jurisdiction respectively, a Notification should be published in the *Quebec Gazette*, for the Information of all Persons whom it might concern: And Whereas Our said Governor and Council have thought proper to give Effect to the said Ordinance within the following Circle or Precinct, Part of the District of Montreal, bounded on the West by the little River Montreal; and on the East by the westerly Branch of the River Yamaska, and on the North by an East and West Line between the Rivers aforementioned, and intersecting the Bason or River Chambly, at the Mouth of the little River of Montreal, and extending southerly as far as Our Royal Authority and Government may or ought to extend; which said Circle or Precinct, We will and require to be henceforth known and distinguished by the Name and Stile of Saint John's. And having special Trust and Confidence in Your Loyalty, Integrity and Ability, We have according to the said Act or Ordinance, assigned, constituted and appointed You, the said René Boileau, François Petrimonte, and Simon Covel, and by this Our Commission, You, and each of You, We do assign, constitute and appoint, Commissioner and Commissioners of Our Court of Requests, for the said Circle or Precinct, to hear summarily and to determine finally all Matters of Debt of Ten Pounds or under, within the said Circle or Precinct of Saint John's, according to the Tenor of Our Letters Patent heretofore issued, under the said Act or Ordinance, directing the Mode of proceeding in Courts for small Causes. Giving and by these Presents Granting unto You, and every of You, Power to do, perform and execute, all the Jurisdiction, Authority and Trusts, to the said Office and Offices appertaining by Virtue of the said Act or Ordinance, to have and to hold the said Office and Offices, with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, Fees and Emoluments unto the said Office and Offices belonging, for and during Our Pleasure. IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Quebec to be thereunto affixed, and the same to be recorded in One of the Books of Patents in our Register's Office of Enrollments

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of our said Province remaining. Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Guy Lord Dorchester, Our Captain-general and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, at Our Castle of Saint Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, this twenty-fourth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and the Twenty-eight of Our Reign.

(Signed,) D.

GEO: POWNALL, Sec.

N.B. Jean Baptiste Grizé, is appointed Clerk of the Court of Requests for the Circle of Saint John's

Quebec Gazette, August 7, 1788.

DORCHESTER, Gov^r.

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To all to whom these presents may come or in any manner concern. Greeting. Whereas by Virtue of a Law of Our Province of Quebec, passed in the Twenty Eighth Year of Our Reign intituled, "An Act or Ordinance further to regulate the Inland Commerce of this Province and to extend the same:" divers Provisions are therein made among other things touching the importing and exporting of divers goods, wares, and Merchandizes, and according to the Tenor thereof Our Proclamation under the Great Seal of Our said Province is requisite to Authorize, the Importation of the enumerated Articles in the said Act or Ordinance mentioned, by any Route or Communication, other than the Route or Communication of Lake Champlain and the River Sorel or Richlieu, under such Restrictions and for such Periods as Our Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being might conceive to be expedient for the common Weal and from time to time by Proclamation declare and make known. And Whereas it hath been represented to Our Governor of Our said Province, that by reason of the short harvest of wheat, the price of Provisions is augmented to the detriment of the Poor, And Whereas the Port of Saint John's hath been opened in consequence thereof for the free admission of sundry kinds of Provisions, for the relief of the People of this Province. NOW therefore, for the more easy and effectual relief of the Inhabitants of the Western Districts above Montreal, further Permission is hereby granted to all Persons whomsoever freely to import into this Province, by any Route or Communication to the westward of the said Port of Saint John's, Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Beans, Pease, Potatoes, Rice, Oats, Barley, and all other grains, and Bread, Biscuit, Wheaten Flour, and Flour or Meal of Rye, Indian Corn, Oats, Barley, and all other grains, and also Beef, Pork, and all kinds of Meat, salted cured or smoaked, of the growth and manufacture of the neighbouring countries and States, and all kinds of Live stock. PROVIDED always that the said Articles be imported into this Province in boats or Vessels belonging to Us or to Our Subjects residents of the same Province, and navigated by Our Subjects. And PROVIDED also that this Permission shall only have force until the First Day of August next and no longer. Of which all Officers of the Customs of this Province and others concerned are commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. Witness Our Trusty and Well beloved GUY LORD DORCHESTER, Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, at Our Castle of Saint Lewis in Our City of Quebec the Thirtieth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, and of Our Reign the Twenty Ninth.

D. G.

Geo. Pownall, Secy.

From the signed and sealed original in the Public Archives of Canada. Published in the *Quebec Gazette* of April 2, 1789.

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GEORGE the THIRD,

DORCHESTER, Govr. By the Grace of God of Great Britain France, and Ireland,
King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

Whereas upon Representation to Our Governor of Our Province of Quebec, of the short harvest of wheat of the last Year, and the augmentation of the price of provisions to the detriment of the poor, the Port of Saint John's and all routes or communications to the westward of the said Port of Saint John's, have been opened for the free admission of sundry kinds of Provisions for the relief of the people of this Province, for a time near expired, and it is conceived to be necessary to prolong the permission so given; NOW therefore further permission is hereby granted to all persons whomsoever freely to import into this Province by any route or communication to the westward of the Port of Saint John's, Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Beans, Pease, Potatoes, Rice Oats Barley, and all other grains, and also by the said Port of Saint John's and the River Richelieu or Sorel, and by any route or communication to the westward of the said Port of Saint John's, Bread, Biscuit, Wheaten Flour, and flour or meal of Rye, Indian Corn, Oats, Barley, and all other grains, and also Beef, Pork, and all other kinds of meat, salted cured or smoaked of the growth and manufacture of the neighbouring countries and States, and all kinds of live Stock.—Provided always that this permission shall only have force until the first day of January next, and no longer. Of which all Officers of the Customs of this Our Province, and others, concerned, are commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WITNESS Our Trusty and wellbeloved GUY LORD DORCHESTER, Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, at Our Castle of Saint Lewis in Our City of Quebec, this Twenty second day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty Nine and of Our Reign the Twenty ninth.

D.G.

Geo. Pownall, Secry.

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DORCHESTER, Govr.

GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.—To all Our loving Subjects and To all whom these Our present Letters Patent may concern, Greeting.—Whereas by Virtue of Two certain Acts or Ordinances lately passed by Our Governor and the Legislative Council of Our Province of Quebec, Provision is made for the more convenient Dispensation of Justice in small Causes, by the Powers and Authorities therein given to Our Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of Our Council for the said Province, to Erect certain Courts of limited Civil Jurisdiction for such Parts of Our said Province as he shall think proper; To direct the Mode of Proceeding therein, and to regulate the Fees to be taken by the Commissioners and Officers thereof, as in and by the said Acts or Ordinances, Reference being thereto had may more fully appear. And Whereas Our said Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council, hath thought proper to give Effect to the said Acts or Ordinances within and for the Circle or Precinct herein after mentioned, Part of the District of Montreal.—KNOW YE THEREFORE, That our said Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council, and in Pursuance of the Acts or Ordinances aforesaid hath Erected and doth hereby Erect, Constitute and Establish a Court of Civil Jurisdiction to be called the Court of

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Requests, with Power and Authority to hear summarily and determine finally, without Appeal all Matters of Debt of Ten Pounds or Under, and also such other Matters and Causes as are made cognizable in such Courts by the Acts or Ordinances aforesaid, within and for the following Circle or Precinct, to be called and distinguished by the Name and Title of the Circle of l'Assomption, comprehending the Parishes of l'Assomption, St. Pierre, Saint Sulpice, La Valterie, Saint Jacques, Saint Paul and Saint Roc, on the North side of the River St. Lawrence. Which said Court shall proceed according to the Tenor of the said Acts and Ordinances and Our Letters Patent heretofore issued by Authority thereof for directing the Mode of Proceeding in such Courts, OF WHICH all Our Loving Subjects and Others concerned are to take due Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.—IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Quebec to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS Our Trusty and Well-beloved GUY LORD DORCHESTER, Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, &c. &c. &c. At Our Castle of St. Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, this Twenty-ninth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety, and of Our Reign the Thirtieth.

(Signed) D.G.

Geo: Pownall, Sec.

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GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.—To all our Loving Subjects and To all whom these our present Letters Patent may concern, Greeting.—Whereas by Virtue of two certain Acts or Ordinances lately passed by Our Governor and the Legislative Council of Our Province of Quebec, Provision is made for the more convenient Dispensation of Justice in small Causes, by the Powers and Authorities therein given to Our Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being by and with the Advice and Consent of Our Council for the said Province, to erect certain Courts of limited Civil Jurisdiction for such Parts of Our said Province as he shall think proper; To direct the mode of Proceeding therein and to regulate the Fees to be taken by the Commissioners and Officers thereof; as by the said Acts or Ordinances Reference being thereunto had more fully may appear. And Whereas Our said Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of our said Council hath thought proper to give Effect to the said Acts or Ordinances within and for the Circle or Precinct herein after mentioned Part of the District of Montreal, KNOW YE THEREFORE, That Our said Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council, and in Pursuance of the Acts or Ordinances aforesaid, hath Erected and doth hereby Erect, Constitute and Establish a Court of Civil Jurisdiction to be called the Court of Requests, with Power and Authority to hear summarily and determine finally without Appeal, all Matters of Debt of Ten Pounds or under, and also such other Matters and Causes as are made cognizable in such Courts by the Acts and Ordinances aforesaid, within and for the following Circle or Precinct to be called and distinguished by the Name and Title of the Circle of Varennes, comprehending the Parishes of Varennes on the South Side of the River St. Lawrence. Which said Court shall proceed according to the Tenor of the said Acts and Ordinances and Our Letters Patent heretofore issued by Authority thereof for directing the Mode of Proceeding in such Courts. Of which all Our Loving Subjects and all others concerned are to take due Notice and Govern themselves accordingly. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Quebec to be hereunto affixed.

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WITNESS Our Trusty and Well-beloved GUY LORD DORCHESTER, Our Captain-General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, &c. &c. &c.—At Our Castle of St. Lewis, in Our City of Quebec, this Twenty-ninth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety, and of Our Reign the Thirtieth.

(Signed) D. G.

Geo. Pownall, Sec.

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GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, DORCHESTER Gov^r. France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To all and singular Our Judges and Justices, Officers and Ministers Civil and Military of Our Province of Quebec and others Our loving Subjects whom these presents may concern, Greeting. Whereas by a Law of Our said Province made and passed on the Twelfth day of April last, intituled, "an Act or Ordinance to form a New District between the Districts of Quebec and Montreal and for regulating the same Districts," It is enacted that the Country therein particularly described shall be a New District and be called the District of Three Rivers and that the Chief or County Town thereof be the Town of Three Rivers, and that as soon as the said District of Three Rivers should be organized in the manner of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal by like Courts and Judicatures Magistrates, Commissioners, Offices and Officers it shall enjoy all the like Privileges and Benefits and be subject to the like Burdens and Services now common to the said Districts of Quebec and Montreal of which it was a part, except in such Cases as the same should be varied from by the said Act or Ordinance or such as might be hereafter for such purpose enacted. And Whereas it was also by the same Act or Ordinance enacted that until further Provision be made by Laws for that Purpose to be passed, it should be lawful for Our Governor or Commander in Chief of Our said Province to designate, set apart and appoint a Place or Places for holding the Courts of the said New District and for the Gaol or Prisons for the Confinement and Punishment of Prisoners as well in Civil as in Criminal Cases, as by the said Act or Ordinance, reference being thereunto had, may among other things more fully appear. NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that for the purpose of carrying the said Act or Ordinance into Execution Our Governor or Commander in Chief of Our said Province hath designated, set apart and appointed the Buildings in the said Town of Three Rivers formerly called the Convent of the Recollets and which were by the Order of Recollets used and occupied, to be the Place or Places for holding the Courts of the said New District and the Gaol or Prisons thereof, and that said Courts be held in that part of the said Buildings heretofore used for the Chapel of the said Convent, and the Goals and Prisons in one or more of the Ordinary appartments of the said Convent for and during and until Our Pleasure be further declared respecting the same. AND FURTHER KNOW YE, that We have given Commission to Adam Mabane, John Fraser, Thomas Dunn, Hertel de Rouville and Peter Panet Esquires Judges of Our Courts of Common Pleas for the Districts of Quebec and Montreal to be likewise Our Judges of Our Court of Common Pleas for the said New District for and during Our Pleasure and their several and respective residence in one or other of the said three Districts, and to Hertel de Rouville, Peter Panet, Joseph Boucher, Chev^r. de Niverville, Joseph Marie Tonnancour, Lefebvre Bellefeuille, John Morris, William Grant, Jean Baptiste Badeaux, Destimauville, George Dame, Charles Tonnancour, Jean Baptiste Perrault, Pierre Francois Chorel D'orvillier, Nicholas St. Martin, Pierre Cressé, Amable Bellair, Luc Schmidt, Pierre St. Cire and Robert Brydon Esquires to be Our Justices for keeping the Peace of the said New District for and

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during Our Pleasure, and to Thomas Coffin Esquire to be Our Sheriff thereof and to him have committed the Bailiwick of the same for and during Our pleasure and his residence in the said District, and to Charles Thomas Esquire to be Coroner of the said New District, and Clerk of the Common Pleas thereof and also Clerk of the Peace and of the Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the said District of Three Rivers upon the like tenure, Wherefore We do hereby Declare the said New District Organized for holding the Courts by the said Act or Ordinance enacted, to be erected and held in the same and do Command that the Court of Common Pleas for the said District commence to be opened and held there on the first Tuesday of August next, and thereafter be continued from Time to Time yearly according to the Days and Times by the said Act directed until otherwise fixed and limited in the manner by the said Act authorized, and that the same Act or Ordinance be carried into Execution according to the Tenor thereof, fully to all Intents and Purposes Whereof all Our Judges and Justices, Magistrates, Officers and Ministers of Justice and all others concerned are hereby strictly charged and commanded to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly, IN TESTIMONY Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the same to be inrolled in Our Secretary's Office of Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining. WITNESS OUR Trusty and Wellbeloved Guy Lord Dorchester, Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, at Our Castle of Saint Lewis in Our City of Quebec, the seventh day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety, and of Our Reign the Thirtieth.

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GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God, of Great
DORCHESTER, Gov^r. Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith
and so forth.

To all to whom these present Letters shall come, GREETING. Whereas by an Act or Ordinance passed by Our Governor and Legislative Council of Our Province of Quebec on the Seventeenth Day of April last Intituled, "An Ordinance to prevent for a limited time the exportation of Biscuit, Flour, or Meal of any kind, also of Wheat, Pease, Barley, Rye and Oats," It was enacted and Ordained that after the Publication thereof no Person or Persons whatsoever should for the space of one Year, directly or indirectly export, carry or convey, or cause to be exported, carried or conveyed out of Our said Province, or load on board of any Ship, Vessel or Boat in order to be carried, conveyed and transported out of Our said Province any Wheat, Pease, Biscuit, Barley, Rye, Oats, Flour or Meal of any kind, with authority nevertheless to Our Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and consent of Our Council at any time after the fifteenth day of this present Month if they should think it expedient by Proclamation under the Great Seal of Our said Province to take off the Embargo directed by the said Act on all or any part of such provisions as are therein specified. and Whereas Our Governor and Council of Our said Province have thought it no longer expedient to continue the said Embargo: NOW KNOW YE that the Embargo directed by the above recited Act respecting all and every part of the Provisions therein specified is hereby discontinued and taken off, until Our Governor of Our said Province shall by further Proclamation signify the Revival of all or any of the Clauses of the said Act pursuant to the Powers in the said Act or Ordinance expressed and declared, whereof all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. IN TESTIMONY Whereof We

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have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS the Right Honorable GUY LORD DORCHESTER Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Vice Admiral of the same; General and Commander in Chief of all Our Forces in the said Provinces and the Island of Newfoundland, &c. &c. &c. At Our Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec, this Twenty-fifth Day of August One thousand seven hundred and Ninety and in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

D. G.

Geo. Pownall, Secry.

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GEORGE the THIRD, By the Grace of God, of Great DORCHESTER, Gov^r. Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To all Our loving Subjects, and to all whom these Our present Letters Patent may concern, Greeting. Whereas by Virtue of divers Acts or Ordinances lately passed by Our Governor and the Legislative Council of Our Province of Quebec, Provision is made for the more convenient Dispensation of Justice in small Causes by the Powers and Authorities therein given for the Erection of certain Courts of limited Civil Jurisdiction for Parts of Our said Province, for directing the Mode of proceeding therein, and for regulating the Fees to be taken by the Commissioners and Officers thereof, as in and by the said Acts or Ordinances, reference being thereto had, may more fully appear: Know ye therefore, that Our said Governor by and with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council, and in pursuance of the Acts or Ordinances aforesaid, hath erected and doth hereby erect, constitute and establish a Court of Civil Jurisdiction, to be called the Court of Requests, with Power and Authority to hear summarily, and determine finally without Appeal, all Matters of Debt of Ten Pounds or under; and also, such other Matters and Causes as are by any former Law made cognizable in such Courts, within and for a Circle or Precinct, to be called and distinguished by the Name and Title of the Circle of La Prairie, and comprehending all such Parts of the Seigneuries of La Prairie, Chateauguay, Caughnowaga, La Salle, and Beauharnois, as are not already Parcel of the Circle of Saint John's. Which said Court shall proceed according to the Tenor of the said Acts or Ordinances and Our Letters Patent herefore issued by the Authority thereof, for directing the Mode of proceeding in such Court, of which, all Our loving Subjects and others concerned, are to take due Notice and Govern themselves accordingly. IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Quebec to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS our Trusty and Well Beloved GUY LORD DORCHESTER, Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province, at Our Castle of Saint Lewis in Our City of Quebec, this Twenty-fourth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety, and of Our Reign the Thirty-first.

D. G.

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By His Excellency

ALURED CLARKE Esquire

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the province of Quebec, &c. &c. &c.
Major General Commanding His Majesty's forces in America, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas His Most gracious majesty has been pleased to grant His royal leave of absence to His Excellency The Right Honorable GUY LORD DORCHESTER Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, in consequence of His departure the command of the said province devolves upon me. And Whereas it is necessary for the peace and good government of the said province that all His Majesty's Officers within the same should continue in their several offices and employments I have thought fit by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council to issue this proclamation hereby authorising the said officers to continue in their said offices and employments of which all persons concerned are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec this twenty fifth day of August in the thirty first year of His Majesty's reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

ALURED CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,
 Hugh Finlay, Actg. Secry.

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ALURED CLARKE.

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith and so forth To all Our loving Subjects whom these presents may concern Greeting.—Whereas We have thought fit by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council by Our Order in Council dated in the month of August last to order that Our Province of Quebec should be divided into two distinct Provinces be called the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada by separating the said two Provinces according to the following Line of Division vizt. To commence at a Stone boundary on the North Bank of the Lake St. Francis at the Cove West of Pointe au Bodet in the limit between the Township of Lancaster and the Seigneurie of New Longueuil running along the said Limit in the direction of North thirty four degrees West to the Westernmost Angle of the said Seigneurie of New Longueuil then along the North western Boundary of the Seigneurie of Vaudreuil running North Twenty Five degrees East until it strikes the Ottawas River to ascend the said River into the Lake Tomiscanning and from the Head of the said Lake by a Line drawn due North until it strikes the boundary line of Hudson's Bay including all the Territory to the Westward and Southward of the said line to the utmost extent of the Country commonly called or known by the name of Canada AND WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament intituled An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth year of His Majesty's 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 It is provided that by reason of the distance of the said Provinces from Great Britain and the change to be made by the said Act

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in the Government thereof it may be necessary that there should be some interval of Time between the notification of the said Act to the said Provinces respectively and the day of its commencement within the said Provinces respectively and that it should be Lawful for Us with the advice of Our Privy Council to fix and declare or to authorize the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Quebec or the Person administering the Government there to fix and declare the day of the Commencement of the said Act within the said Provinces respectively provided that such day shall not be later than the Thirty First day of December One thousand seven hundred and Ninety one. AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the said Act We have thought fit by another order in Council bearing date the Twenty Fourth Day of August last to Authorize Our Governor or in His absence Our Lieutenant Governor or the Person administering the Government of Our said Province of Quebec to fix and declare such Day as he should judge most adviseable for the Commencement of the said Act within the Province of Upper Canada and the Province of Lower Canada respectively And to that effect have by Our Warrant to Our right Trusty and well-beloved Guy Lord Dorchester Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our said Province of Quebec or in his Absence to Our Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of Our said Province for the time being under Our Signet and Royal Sign manuel bearing date at St. James's the Twelfth day of September last Signified Our Will and pleasure that He take the necessary measures accordingly. KNOW YE therefore that Our Trusty and Well beloved Alured Clarke Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor of Our said Province of Quebec in the absence of Our said Governor thereof hath Judged it most adviseable to fix upon Monday the Twenty sixth day of December next for the Commencement of the said Act within the Provinces aforesaid respectively and it is accordingly hereby declared that the said Act of Parliament intituled An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth Year of His Majesty's 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 shall commence within the said Provinces of Upper Canada and Lower Canada respectively on Monday the said Twenty sixth Day of December in this present Year One thousand seven hundred and Ninety one of which all Our loving Subjects and all others concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Quebec to be hereunto affixed WITNESS Our Trusty and Wellbeloved Alured Clarke Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of Quebec Major General Commanding Our Forces in North America &ca &ca &ca at Our Castle at St. Lewis in the City of Quebec this eighteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Ninety one, and in the Thirty second Year of Our Reign.

A.C.

Hugh Finlay,

Acting Secretary.

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ALURED CLARKE.

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c. To all Our loving Subjects to whom these presents shall come or may concern GREETING.—WHEREAS WE have thought fit by and with the advise of Our Privy Council to divide Our late Province of Quebec into two separate provinces called Upper Canada and Lower Canada AND WHEREAS it is neces-

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sary and expedient for Our Service that Our Judges (the Judges of Our Court of Appeals excepted) Justices and other Civil Officers within that part of Our late Province of Quebec composing at present Our Province of Lower Canada should continue in their respective Offices and Employments KNOW YE that we have thought fit by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province of Lower Canada to continue and We Do hereby continue all and every Our Judges (the Judges of Our Court of Appeals excepted) Justices and all other Our Civil Officers lately holding Offices or Employments within that part of Our late Province of Quebec, now composing Our Province of Lower Canada in their respective Offices and Employments within and for Our said Province of Lower Canada of which all Our loving Subjects and all others whom it may concern are to take notice and 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 thereunto affixed WITNESS Our Trusty and Well-beloved Alured Clarke Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor of Our said Province of Lower Canada Major General Commanding Our Forces in North America &c. &c. &c. at Our Castle of Saint Lewis in the City of Quebec the Twenty sixth Day of December in the Thirty second Year of Our Reign and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Ninety one.

A. C.

Hugh Finlay,
Acting Secretary.

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