

**A PROCLAMATION, By His Excellency Sir JAMES HENRY CRAIG, Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Lower Canada, &c.**

**W**HEREAS divers wicked, seditious and treasonable writings have been printed, published and dispersed in this Province, with the care and government of which I am entrusted; and whereas such writings have been expressly calculated to mislead His Majesty's good Subjects, to impress their minds with distrust and jealousy of His Majesty's Government, to alienate their affections from His Majesty's Person, and to bring into contempt and vilify the administration of Justice, and of the Government of the Country; and whereas, in the prosecution of these wicked and traitorous purposes, their authors and abettors have not scrupled audaciously to advance the most gross and daring falsehoods, whilst the industry that has been employed, in dispersing and disseminating them at very great expense, but the source of which is not known, strongly evinces the perseverance and implacability with which it is intended that these purposes should be pursued; and whereas, consistently with my duty, which I owe to His Majesty, and that affection and regard with which I view the welfare and prosperity of the Inhabitants of this Colony, it was impossible for me any longer to disregard or suffer practices so directly tending to subvert the Government of the former, and to destroy the happiness of the latter. I do, therefore, hereby announce, with the advice and concurrence of His Majesty's Executive Council, that with the same advice and concurrence measures have been adopted, and that due information having been given to three of His Majesty's said Executive Counsellors, Warrants as by Law authorized, have been issued, under which some of the authors, printers and publishers of the writings aforesaid, have been apprehended and secured.

Deeply impressed with a desire to promote, in all respects, the welfare and happiness of the good People of this Province, and acting under the instructions of the most benevolent and best of Sovereigns, whose faithful Servant I have been for nearly as long a period as the oldest inhabitant has been his Subject, and whose highest displeasure I should incur, if I made any other than that happiness and welfare the rule of my conduct, it would indeed be with a very sincere concern, that I should find reason to believe that the arts of these factious and designing men had produced any effect, and that doubts and jealousies should have found their way, and have established themselves in the minds of deluded Persons.

To these, if any such there be, and indeed to the public in general, I would recal the history of the whole period during which they have been under His Majesty's Government. Let them remember the state they were in when they became British Subjects; and let them bear in their recollection the progressive advances they have made to the wealth, happiness, security and abundant liberty which they now enjoy.

During fifty years that they have been under the English dominion, has one act of oppression—has one instance of arbitrary imprisonment—or of violation of property, occurred? Have you in any one instance, or under any one circumstance, been disturbed in the free and uncontrolled enjoyment of your religion—and lastly, while all Europe has been deluged in blood, and while various of His Majesty's other Colonies and possessions have at times experienced the horrors of war, and some even under the vicissitudes of that state, have undergone a deprivation of the inestimable happiness of living under British Laws and British Government, by becoming a prey to temporary conquest, have you not enjoyed the most perfect security and tranquillity under the powerful protection of that same Government, whose fostering and paternal care has been equally employed in promoting your internal welfare?

What then can be the means used by these evil disposed and wicked persons, by which they can hope to bring about their traitorous and ambitious designs—by what arguments can they expect that a people, in the enjoyment of every blessing that can contribute to happiness in this world, shall renounce that happiness, to embrace their views? By what argument can they expect that a brave and loyal people, hitherto impressed with the warmest and sincerest attachment to the best of Kings, whose whole reign has been one series of benefits bestowed on them, shall abandon that loyalty and become monsters of ingratitude, fit to be held up to the detestation of the world, to promote their projects? It is true, the most base and diabolical falsehoods are insidiously promulgated and disseminated. In one part, it is announced as my intention to embody and make soldiers of you, and that having applied to the late House of Representatives to enable me to assemble twelve thousand of you for that purpose, and they having declined to do so, I had therefore dissolved them. This is not only directly false, such an idea never having entered into my mind, nor the slightest mention having ever been made of it; but it is doubly wicked and atrocious, because it has been advanced by persons, who must have been supposed to speak with certainty on the subject, and was therefore the more calculated to impose upon you. In another part you are told that I wanted to tax your lands, and that the late House of Assembly would consent only to tax wine, and upon that account I dissolved the House. Inhabitants of St. Denis! this is also directly false, I never had the most distant idea of taxing you at all; such had never even been for a moment the subject of my deliberations, and when the late House offered to pay the Civil List, I could not have taken any step in a matter of such importance without the King's instructions, and therefore it was still long before we came to the consideration of how it was to be paid. In truth, not one word was ever to my knowledge mentioned on this subject.

In other parts, despairing of producing instances from what I have done, recourse is had to what I intend to do, and it is boldly told you, that I mean to oppress you.—Base and daring fabricators of falsehood, on what part or what act of my life do you found such an assertion? What do you know of me or of my intentions? Canadians, ask of those to whom you formerly looked with attention and respect, ask the heads of your Church who have opportunities

of knowing me; these are men of honor and knowledge, these are men from whom you ought to seek for information and advice;—the leaders of faction, the demagogues of a party, associate not with me; they cannot know me.

For what purpose should I oppress you? Is it to serve the King? Will that Monarch, who, during fifty years, has never issued one order that had you for its object, that was not for your benefit and happiness—will he now, beloved, honored, adored by his Subjects, covered with glory, descending into the vale of years, accompanied with the prayers and blessings of a grateful people, will he, contrary to the whole tenor of a life of honor and virtue, now give orders to his Servants to oppress His Canadian Subjects? It is impossible that you can for a moment believe it. You will spurn from you, with just indignation, the miscreant who will suggest such a thought to you.

Is it for myself, then, that I should oppress you? For what should I oppress you? Is it from ambition? What can you give me? Is it for power?—Alas! my good friends! with a life ebbing not slowly to its period, under the pressure of disease acquired in the service of my country, I look only to pass, what it may please God, to suffer to remain of it, in the comfort of retirement among my friends. I remain among you only in obedience to the commands of my King. What power can I wish for? Is it then for wealth that I would oppress you? Inquire of those who know me, whether I regard wealth? I never did, when I could enjoy it; it is now of no use to me; to the value of your country laid at my feet, I would prefer the consciousness of having in a single instance, contributed to your happiness and prosperity.

These personal allusions to myself—these details, in any other case, might be unbecoming, and beneath me; but nothing can be unbecoming or beneath me that can tend to save you from the gulph of crime and calamity, into which guilty men would plunge you.

It is now my duty, more particularly to advert to the intent and purpose for which this Proclamation is issued. I do, therefore, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Executive Council, hereby warn, and earnestly exhort all His Majesty's Subjects, to be on their guard against, and to be cautious how they listen to the artful suggestions, of designing and wicked men, who, by the spreading of false reports, and by seditious and traitorous writings, ascribe to His Majesty's Government evil and malevolent purposes, seeking only thereby to alienate their affections, and lead them into acts of Treason and Rebellion; calling upon all well disposed persons, and particularly upon all Curates and Ministers of God's Holy Religion, to use their best endeavours to prevent the evil effects of such incendiary and traitorous doings, to undeceive, to set aright, such as may have been misled by them, and to inculcate in all, the true principles of loyalty to the King, and obedience to the Laws.

And I do hereby strictly charge and command all Magistrates, in and throughout this Province, all Captains of Militia, Peace Officers, and others, His Majesty's good Subjects, that they do severally make diligent enquiry and search, to discover, as well the authors as the publishers and dispersers of all such wicked, seditious and traitorous writings as aforesaid; and of false news in any way derogatory to His Majesty's Government, or in any manner tending to inflame the public mind, and disturb the public peace and tranquillity; to the end, that by a vigorous execution of the Laws, all offenders in the premises may be brought to such punishment as may deter all persons from the practice of any acts whatever which may in any way effect the safety, peace or happiness of His Majesty's loyal and faithful Subjects of this Province.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province of Lower Canada, this twenty first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten, and in the fiftieth year of His Majesty's Reign.  
J. H. CRAIG.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JNO. TAYLOR, Deputy Secretary.

### To be Sold at Public Auction,

On TUESDAY the 9th day of OCTOBER next, at One o'Clock in the afternoon, on the Premises,

THE Real and Personal ESTATE of the late JOEL DANIELS of Suffolk, in the County of King's, deceased.—The Estate consists of a Valuable Tract of Land of 150 acres, on Studholmes Mill-Stream, with an excellent Grind-Mill, Dwelling House, Barn and other necessary Buildings erected thereon.—Also, one Cow, three young Cattle, fifteen Sheep, a few Hogs, a Turning Lathe, Farming Utensils, Carpenter's Tools, &c. &c.

SAMUEL HALLETT,  
RICHARD LAWRENCE, } Administrators.  
Suffex-Vale, 28th April, 1810.

### TO BE SOLD,

Pursuant to a Licence from His Honor the PRESIDENT and COUNCIL.

ONE Thousand acres of Land in Letete: Four hundred acres on the Maguagaudavick, adjoining Capt. CLINCH'S Lands, and running back to the Portage at the head of Letong River: Also, four hundred and twenty-four acres on the western side of Letong River, all in the Parish of St. George: being part of the real Estate of the late JAMES CAMPBELL, Esq. of Pensfield in the County of Charlotte: Said Lands will be laid out in Lots.

For particulars inquire of the Subscriber.  
AMY CAMPBELL, Administratrix.  
Saint Andrews, 21st April, 1810. 24

ALL Persons having claims upon the Estate of the late BENJAMIN MARSTON, of the County of Northumberland, Esquire, deceased, are requested to exhibit the same, within Six Months from the date hereof, and all Persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment without further delay, to the Subscriber.

WARD CHIPMAN, Administrator.  
Saint John, 16th April, 1810. 24

### GEORGE M'CALL,

BEGS leave to inform the Public that he has Removed to his New Store, on the South side of the Market-Square, adjoining Messrs. PETERS and WIGGINS, where Business in future will be carried on by

### M'CALL and HENDERSON,

They having a General Assortment of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES by the latest Ships from London, Liverpool and Greenock, which will be sold on reasonable terms.  
Saint John, 18th September, 1809.

### SPRING GOODS.

### P. FRASER,

Has Just Received by the JANE, HARRISON and TOMB, and FORTUNE, from LIVERPOOL, and TRIUMVIRATE, and VENUS, from LONDON, (IN ADDITION TO HIS STOCK ON HAND) A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF MERCHANDIZE, Suitable for the Season, which will be Sold on the most reasonable terms for Cash or Bills of Exchange.  
FREDERICTON, 8th MAY, 1809.

### EZEKIEL BARLOW,

Has Received by the Brigs Harrison and Tomb, and Swift from Liverpool, and Ship Triumvirate from London, A LARGE AND EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF Dry Goods, Groceries, and Hardware, Also, EARTHEN WARE in Crates, and LIVERPOOL SALT, All of which will be Sold on the most reasonable terms by Wholesale and Retail for Cash, Bills of Exchange, or Country Produce.

### HE HAS LIKEWISE ON HAND,

A few Puncheons of well flavored Jamaica SPIRITS and Saint Croix SUGARS by the hoghead and barrel.  
Saint John, 29th May, 1809.

### TO BE SOLD,

Pursuant to a Licence from His Honor the PRESIDENT and COUNCIL, at Public Auction, on THURSDAY the 7th day of JUNE next, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mrs. COCK, Innkeeper in St. Andrews,

THE Real Estate of the late WILLIAM GALLOP, Esquire, of the Parish of St. David, in the County of Charlotte, deceased. The Estate consists of Two Lots of Land, containing One Hundred acres each Lot; and one Lot containing one third of Five Hundred acres, originally granted to Colin Campbell, William Gallop, and Thomas Wyer, with one third of a House and Barn on said Lot; the above Lands being situated at the head of Oak Bay, in the Parish and County aforesaid. Also a certain Town and Water Lot in the Town of St. Andrews; together with about Two Hundred acres of Land in the Parish of St. Patrick and County aforesaid.

THOMAS WYER, Administrator.  
Saint Andrews, 27th March, 1810.

### Copartnership Dissolved.

THE COPARTNERSHIP of Messrs. DUNCAN and WILMOT being Dissolved on the 29th day of December last, by the decease of Mr. Robert Duncan late of the said Firm: All persons who have any claim or claims against the said Firm of Duncan and Wilmot, or against the Estate of the late Robert Duncan, are hereby requested to exhibit the same within Twelve Calendar Months from this date to the Subscribers at Fredericton, or either of them, and all persons indebted to the said Copartnership, or to the Estate of the said late Robert Duncan, are hereby required to make immediate payment to the said Subscribers hereinafter being Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said late Robert Duncan.

P. FRASER,  
J. M. WILMOT, } Executors.

Fredericton, 9th January, 1810.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of JOHN SHAW, late of Queen's-County, deceased, are requested to present them within Six Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JOHN SHAW, Junr.  
MAYES CASE, or  
THOMAS CARPENTER, } Administrators.  
Queen's-County, 20th April, 1810.

ALL Persons having any Demands against the Estate of WILLIAM DONALDSON, Senr. late of this City, Merchant, deceased, are requested to render the same properly attested within Six Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to either of the subscribers.

JOHN THOMSON,  
HUGH JOHNSTON, } Executors.  
JAMES HENDRICKS,  
St. JOHN, 2d April, 1810.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of BENJAMIN STONE, late of Queen's-County, deceased, are requested to render the same properly attested within Six Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JAMES JORDAN, Executor.  
Saint John, 26th February, 1810.

ALL Persons having Demands against the Estate of GEORGE NASH, late of Digby, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested within Eight Calendar Months from this date; and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

DENNIS RUTHERFORD, Administrator.  
Digby, 12th JULY, 1809.