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By His Excellency Major General GEORGE STRACEY SMYTH, *Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c.*

(L. S.)

G. S. SMYTH.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS it appears to me by the statement of the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Casual Revenue in this Province, that no monies have come to his hands for Fines and Forfeitures incurred, and other dues belonging to His Majesty within the same:

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby requiring all His Majesty's Officers in this Province, to whom the same doth belong, that they omit not at their peril, but do forthwith transmit to the said Receiver-General, all and every abstract or account of Fines, Forfeitures. and other dues belonging to His Majesty as they are by Law required to do, and which they or either of them may have heretofore neglected to do; and that they do from time to time hereafter as the same may be incurred or arise, regularly transmit abstracts or accounts thereof to the said Receiver-General. And further, that the said Officers do pay over to the said Receiver-General all monies which may now be in or hereafter may come to their Hands respectively for His Majesty's use.

And the law Officers of the Crown are hereby enjoined to prosecute according to Law all persons who shall disobey this Proclamation.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Fredericton, the twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
H. H. CARMICHAEL,
Deputy-Secretary.

BY AUTHORITY.

SECRETARY's OFFICE,
26th April, 1819.

WHEREAS divers Persons have at different Periods had allotments of Land, and have neglected to take out their GRANTS for the same, as required by the ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS, notwithstanding repeated cautions given on this subject: Such Persons are again hereby notified that the LANDS which may have been so allotted to them, are, by the ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS, forfeited, and are open to any new application, although they may have been cultivated or transferred to other Persons.

SECRETARY's OFFICE,
24th May, 1819.

CAUTION.

ALL Persons are cautioned against purchasing Allotments made to the MILITARY in this Province since the late War; as no Title can be given to such Lands until the original Military Settlers shall have resided on them for three years, and made a suitable cultivation.

AT a Special Session of the Peace holden at the County Court-House in Fredericton, in and for the County of York, on Thursday the 20th May, 1819, for the purpose of Regulating the *Assize* of *Bread* in the Town of Fredericton,

Ordered that from Thursday the 27th instant, the ASSIZE of BREAD be as follows:—

THE Sixpenny Wheaten	lb.	oz.
Loaf to weigh - - -	2	0
Ditto Rye do.	3	0

And other Loaves in proportion.

By order of the Court,
G. CLOPPER,
Clerk of the Peace.

PROVINCE OF LOWER-CANADA.
RICHMOND, LENNOX & AUBIGNY.

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, or may in any wise concern;—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS in and by an Act of the Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada, passed in the last Session, in the present year of our Reign, intituled "An Act to secure the Inhabitants of the "Inferior District of Gaspé, in the possession and enjoyment of their Lands," it is amongst other thing enacted, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or the person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, at any time during the space of three years from the passing of the said Act, to issue such and so many Commissions, under the Great Seal of the said Province, as he shall think proper, to nominate three or more persons to be Commissioners, one of whom shall be President of each of the said Commissions; which said Commissioners shall have power and authority to hear and determine all applications that shall or may be made to them, by persons holding or claiming to hold Lands as aforesaid, for Grants thereof under the Great Seal of the Province in the like manner as the same might be heard and determined by the Executive Council of the said Province.

And Whereas by letters patent, under the Great Seal of our said Province, bearing date at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, the twenty-seventh day of April, in the present year of our reign, we have nominated, constituted and appointed, JEAN THOMAS TASCHEREAU, MICHEL LOUIS JUCHEREAU DUCHESNAY, and GEORGE WATERS ALLSOPP, Esquires, to be Commissioners, to hear and determine all applications that shall or may be made to them, by persons holding or claiming to hold Lands as aforesaid, for Grants thereof, under the Great Seal of our said Province.

Now therefore know ye, that we do hereby notify and require all persons holding, or claiming to hold, Lands in the said Inferior District of Gaspé, to present their claims thereto before the said Commissioners, at Douglass Town, Percé, New Carlisle, Bonaventure, New Richmond, Carleton, and Ristigouche, from this date to the first September next, and at Quebec at any period within fifteen months next after the date of these presents, to the end that such claims may be heard and determined, and that Grants under the Great Seal of our said Province may be made.

In Testimony whereof, these our Letters we have caused to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be thereunto affixed.

Witness our Trusty and well beloved His Grace CHARLES, DUKE OF RICHMOND, Kight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of Lower-Canada, &c. &c. &c. at our Castle of Saint Lewis, in our City of Quebec, in our said Province, the twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and in the fifty-ninth year of our Reign. RD. &c.

By His Grace's Command,
JNO. TAYLOR, Dep. Secy.

Commissariat-Office, Fredericton, N. B.
23d December, 1817.

CASH.

ANY Person wishing to remit MONEY to Saint John, may obtain Drafts from this Office, on the Assistant Commissary General, payable at sight.

NOTICE is hereby given, that We, the Subscribers, have been duly appointed Trustees for all the Creditors of *Robert C. Commelin*, late of Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, an absconding Debtor, and have been duly sworn to the faithful Execution of the said trust, pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided; and we do hereby require all persons indebted to the said *Robert C. Commelin*, on or before the first day a November next ensuing the date hereof, to pay to us, or some, or one of us, all such sum or sums of money, or other debt, duty or thing, which they owe to the said *Robert C. Commelin*, and to deliver all other effects of the said *Robert C. Commelin*, which they, or any, or either of them may have in his, her, or their hands, power or custody, to us, or some, or one of us as aforesaid; and we do also desire all the Creditors of the said *Robert C. Commelin*, on or before the same first day of November next, to deliver to us, or to some, or one of us as aforesaid, their respective accounts and demands against the said *Robert C. Commelin*, in order that right and justice may be done, agreeably to the form of the said Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Given under our hands at Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, this tenth day of May, 1819.

(Signed) LEWIS HENRY.
(Signed) ROBERT YOUNG.
(Signed) WILLIAM BURNIE. } Trustees.

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REMARKABLE CONFESSION OF A CONDEMNED MALEFACTOR, AS DETAILED IN A LETTER FROM A CLERGYMAN IN * * * TO HIS FRIEND AT * * *

(From the German)

YOU are indeed right, my dearest friend, in your assertion, that the most pleasing, yet, alas! too often, the most afflicting, duties of a Christian Minister, are those of preparing the unhappy wretch, whom the avenging arm of justice has doomed to expiate his crimes by death, for his passage into another world.—Should all our exertions prove fruitless—should the melefactor turn a deaf ear to our urgent remonstrances, and rush upon his fate with cold and hardened insensibility, what shuddering sensations of horror does the scene awaken in our bosoms. Even when he listens to our exhortations with penitent grief, and appears to feel contrite devotion, what anxious compassion—yet what tormenting uncertainty must we feel, whether these emotions are caused by sincere conviction of his guilt, and repentance for his crimes, or by the dread of death alone. But, on the other hand, how sweet is that delightful consciousness of having been the means of saving a fellow creature from everlasting perdition—what divine foretaste do we then enjoy of that moment, when, at our own anxious entrance trembling into eternity, the now blessed soul, springing to our embrace, shall conduct us to the throne of Him who is and was and is to be.

You will perhaps, ask, for what reason I now enforce these reflections? Oh! my best friend, never before did they present themselves in such gloomy colours to my imagination as at this moment—at this awful moment—when I have but just quitted the scaffold, sprinkled with the blood of a youth, whose unhappy fate has awakened my tenderest and most heartfelt sympathy; one, who deserved to have lived among the number of those few, yet noble souls, whose virtues, though unknown to the world, elevate them beyond its feelings and passions; with whose singular destiny I am acquainted, even to his most secret faults, and whom I have seen submit to his doom with a heroism which deprived me of all the firmness I had, with so much difficulty, summoned for his support, should he have failed in that terrible hour.

Yes, my friend, even that unfortunate being whom you will find described in the public prints as a monster of trebled iniquity; as one guilty of incest, an incendiary, and a murderer—who had actually committed these three horrible crimes, for either of which justice had consigned him to a merited death, before he reached his 23d year; even he, whom the many openly abhorred—whom perhaps some, though but few, more humane and enlightened minds may have secretly pitied; even he possessed a noble heart, tender feelings, and sentiments, of which you or I might boast. An assertion this, which may offend you, but which my melancholy relation will fully justify.

About eight days have now elapsed, since I received from the Magistrates of the neighbouring town, in consequence of the sudden indisposition of the Clergyman there, the commission to prepare for death a condemned malefactor, whose crimes I knew by report, and which had been represented as of the most heinous character. I will not deny that I entered upon this duty most unwillingly.—"Only two and-twenty years of age, and already such a hardened threefold sinner! What contrition can be hoped for from a mind so early, yet so deeply sunk in vice—how depraved must his soul have been from childhood—and what true repentance can be wrought in such a man within the short space of eight days?" Such were my thoughts as I entered the prison.

But his first appearance softened my sterner mood, and inclined my heart in his favour.—Through the disguise of neglected, black and matted locks—through a complexion rendered sallow by grief and confinement—through dirt and squalid wretchedness, I could discern the lineaments of a mild, yet manly countenance. Resignation and sorrow spoke from his tearful eyes, and the expression of his look was open, confiding, and friendly. With one glance my previous aversion was vanquished, and my address was more earnest than usual, even on such occasions.

"I doubt not (said I) but that you guess the purport of my visit, and as confidently do I trust that it will not be unpleasing, after so tedious a confinement, and so long an association with gaolers and their prisoners, once more to feel yourself in the presence of one, whose heart compassionates and feels for you, and whose only wish it is to be the humble instrument of sweetening to you the last dregs of life, and softening the terrors of approaching death; and to whom in confidence you may unreservedly relieve yourself of the weight of guilt that must weigh heavy on your conscience."

"I would pledge you my right hand, as a sign of my grateful welcome (answered he) were I not prevented by these chains. The society of my persecutors and of my gaolers has, indeed, too long been endured by me. Willingly do I leave a world in which I never more can experience happiness, and to which I owe that debt of life, I am now about to offer, as the just punishment of my misdeeds, and to serve as a warning to others. You think me, no doubt, (added he, with a mournful smile, which pierced my very heart, as it waned beneath the overmastering expression of mental agony,) you think me, worthy Sir, no doubt one of the vilest criminals?'

I shrugged my shoulders, "I would fain think otherwise of you; but can I?"

'No, no, I confess it myself. My soul is burthened with many crimes, and yet the Omniscent is my witness, that the first cause of them was a passion, in its origin not only blameless, but even exalted. The world may believe me what it will; I can endure its detestation with patience, for the unbiassed voice of my own conscience ac-