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Letters Patent authorizing appointments, erecting townships, recognizing inventions, incorporating companies, etc., 1822-1867, together with Instruments and Letters Patent revoking patents, 1832-1859, have been formed into one series for the provinces of Lower Canada and Canada East at some point in the past. These documents would have been accumulated by the Provincial Secretary through his responsibility for engrossing such documents and affixing the Great Seal to them, or in his capacity as Provincial Registrar for recording their issuance. The reasons for their not having been delivered to the nominees have not been investigated.

An equivalent series for Upper Canada and Canada West is to be found in RG 5, B 5. Registers and entrybooks of letters patent, commissions and instruments of revocation are to be found in RG 68, together with extensive indexes for those records.

The letters patent were reviewed in 1984 and consideration was given to the transfer of material identified as out of place. Where documents had not been paginated, transfers were effected into or out of this series. The pagination was extended to include material added to the series and the boxing was altered, such that volume 1 now contains pages 1-291 and volume 2 now contains pages 292-618.

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