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Dissolving the Legislature, 1776-1859**

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Proclamations (engrossed on parchment) summoning, proroguing and dissolving the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly for Lower Canada and the united province of Canada form a series separate from the general proclamations (for which see RG 4, B 3). This series includes some proclamations of summons for the non-elective "Legislative Council" of Quebec, 1776-1786, but is chiefly composed of the proclamations for the Parliament of Lower Canada, 1792-1833; for the Special Council of Lower Canada, 1838-1839; and for the Parliament of the united province of Canada, 1841-1859. The extent to which the series is complete has not been formally investigated, although comparison can readily be made with the texts of proclamations printed in the government gazette and in the Journals (see below).

Finding Aid 503 lists the proclamations in this series, noting their date and the action (to summon, prorogue or dissolve). A list of proclamations issued in the period 1777-1791 and the texts were printed in the REPORT of the Public Archives for 1918 (Appendix C, pages i-ii and 1-71), while a similar list and the texts for the period 1792-1815 were printed in the REPORT of the Public Archives for 1921 (Appendix B, pages i-viii and 1-206) -- in both cases those relating to the Legislature are interspersed with general proclamations (now found in RG 4, B 3). A quarter to a half of the texts of proclamations relating to the Legislature listed and printed in the abovementioned PAC REPORTS are not to be found in RG 4, B 7. The texts of all proclamations should be found published in the government gazette (the Quebec Gazette, for which see RG 4, D 1) and those relating to Parliament should also be found in the Journals of the Legislature.

These records properly relate to Parliament and should be listed in RG 14. No transfer is contemplated.

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Vol.</u>
summon	3 Dec. 1776	(draft)	1
summon	27 Jan. 1778		
summon	17 Dec. 1778		
summon	11 Jan. 1780	(plus printed copy)	
summon	28 Mar. 1780		
summon	28 Jan. 1786	(plus draft)	
summon	20 Dec. 1786		
summon	14 May 1792	(plus draft)	
	27 June 1792		
	9 Aug. 1792		
	15 Sept. 1792		
	31 Oct. 1792		
	5 June 1793		
	23 July 1793		
	2 Sept. 1793		
	9 Oct. 1793		
	1 July 1794		
	4 Aug. 1794		
	8 Sept. 1794		
	20 Oct. 1794		
	30 May 1795		
	4 Aug. 1795		
dissolve	31 May 1796		2
	8 July 1796		
	2 Aug. 1796		
	21 Sept. 1796		
	28 Oct. 1796		
	6 Dec. 1796		
	14 June 1797		
	19 July 1797		
	5 Sept. 1797		
	18 Oct. 1797		

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Vol.</u>
	21 Aug. 1799		2 (cont'd)
	27 Sept. 1799		
	11 Nov. 1799		
dissolve	6 Jan. 1800	(plus draft)	3
	4 June 1800		
	26 Nov. 1800		
	15 July 1801		
	20 Aug. 1801		
	2 June 1802		
	19 July 1802		
	8 Sept. 1802		
	2 Nov. 1802		
	29 Dec. 1802		
summon	25 May 1803		
	6 July 1803		
	21 July 1803		
	13 Sept. 1803		
	2 Nov. 1803		
dissolve	13 June 1804		4
	1 Aug. 1804		
	3 Oct. 1804		
	21 Nov. 1804		
	29 May 1805		
	30 July 1805		
	15 Oct. 1805		
	18 Dec. 1805		
	3 June 1806		
	12 Aug. 1806		
	26 Nov. 1806		
	3 June 1807		
	29 July 1807		
	21 Sept. 1807		
	17 Nov. 1807		
	15 Dec. 1807		

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Vol.</u>
dissolve & summon	[27] Apr. 1808		5
	14 June 1808		
	23 Aug. 1808		
	17 Nov. 1808		
	10 Jan. 1809		
	14 Feb. 1809		
	14 Mar. 1809		
dissolve	18 May 1809		
	9 Nov. 1809		
	20 Dec. 1809		
dissolve & summon	1 Mar. 1810	(draft)	6
dissolve	Mar. 1810		
	17 Apr. 1810		
	20 June 1810		
	23 Aug. 1810		
	8 Oct. 1810		
	14 Nov. 1810		
	17 Apr. 1811		
	29 May 1811		
	10 July 1811		
	20 Aug. 1811		
	25 Sept. 1811		
	5 Nov. 1811		
	11 Dec. 1811		
	15 Jan. 1812		
	16 June 1812		
summon	30 June 1812		
	8 Sept. 1812		
	7 Dec. 1812		
	20 Mar. 1813		7
	[5] Aug. 1813		
	4 Oct. 1813		
	19 Nov. 1813		
dissolve & summon	22 Mar. 1814		
	2 May 1814		
	11 July 1814		
	15 Sept. 1814		
	14 Nov. 1814		
	20 Dec. 1814		

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Vol.</u>
	17 Apr. 1815		8
	29 May 1815		
	12 July 1815		
	30 Aug. 1815		
	20 Dec. 1815		
dissolve & summon	29 Feb. 1816	(plus draft)	
	10 Apr. 1816		
	18 June 1816		
	13 Aug. 1816		
	14 Oct. 1816		
	4 Dec. 1816		
	15 Apr. 1817		
	9 June 1817		
	22 Aug. 1817		
	22 Oct. 1817		
	27 Nov. 1817		
	28 Apr. 1818		9
	10 June 1818		
	21 July 1818		
	27 Aug. 1818		
	15 Oct. 1818		
	19 Nov. 1818		
	20 May 1819		
	22 June 1819		
	3 July 1819		
	20 Sept. 1819		
	9 Dec. 1819		
dissolve & summon	17 Jan. 1820		
summon	[9] Feb. 1820		
	29 May 1820		
	11 July 1820		
	15 Aug. 1820		
	20 Nov. 1820		
	10 Apr. 1821		
	28 June 1821		
	15 Aug. 1821		
	20 Sept. 1821		
	3 Nov. 1821		

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<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Vol.</u>
	20 Mar. 1822		10
	25 Apr. 1822		
	5 June 1822		
	18 July 1822		
	29 Aug. 1822		
	10 Oct. 1822		
	21 Nov. 1822		
	17 Apr. 1823		
	29 May 1823		
	21 June 1823		
	20 Aug. 1823		
	2 Oct. 1823		
	13 Apr. 1824		
	3 June 1824		
dissolve & summon	6 July 1824		
	27 Aug. 1824		
	29 Sept. 1824		
	21 Apr. 1825		11
	26 May 1825		
	7 July 1825		
	18 Aug. 1825		
	27 Sept. 1825		
	10 Nov. 1825		
	10 Dec. 1825		
	8 June 1826		
	6 July 1826		
	13 Sept. 1826		
	10 Nov. 1826		
	4 Apr. 1827		
	15 May 1827		
dissolve & summon	5 July 1827		
	16 Aug. 1827		
	27 Sept. 1827		
	22 Nov. 1827	(plus draft)	
	20 Dec. 1827		
	5 Feb. 1828		
	20 Mar. 1828		
	30 Apr. 1828		
	9 June 1828		
	22 Oct. 1828		

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	15 Apr. 1829		12
	20 May 1829		
	20 June 1829		
	6 Oct. 1829		
	25 Nov. 1829		
	21 Apr. 1830		
	8 June 1830		
summon	27 July 1830		
	2 Sept. 1830		
	12 Oct. 1830		
	1 Dec. 1830		
	27 Apr. 1831		
	11 Aug. 1831		
	22 Sept. 1831		
	22 Mar. 1832		
	17 May 1832		
	6 Sept. 1832		
	1 Oct. 1832		
	2 May 1833		
	20 June 1833		
	8 Aug. 1833		
	19 Sept. 1833		
summon Special Council	3 Apr. 1838	(plus draft)	
summon Special Council	2 Nov. 1838	(plus draft)	
summon Special Council	2 Jan. 1839	(plus draft)	
summon Special Council	5 Nov. 1839	(plus draft)	
	29 Apr. 1841	(draft)	
	16 July 1842	(draft)	
dissolve	20 Sept. 1844	(draft)	
summon	20 Sept. 1844	(draft)	
	7 Nov. 1844		

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	2 May 1845		12 (cont'd)
	12 June 1845		
	19 July 1845		
	29 Aug. 1845		
	10 Oct. 1845		
	14 Nov. 1845		
	24 Dec. 1845		
	30 Jan. 1846		
	9 July 1846		
	20 Aug. 1846		
	1 Oct. 1846		
	4 Nov. 1846		
	18 Dec. 1846		
	8 Mar. 1847		
	15 Apr. 1847		
	8 Oct. 1847		
summon	6 Dec. 1847	(plus Writ)	
	26 Apr. 1848		
	7 June 1848		
	17 July 1848		
	25 Aug. 1848		
	7 Oct. 1848		
	11 Nov. 1848		
	9 Dec. 1848		
	4 Aug. 1849		
	10 Sept. 1849		
	10 Oct. 1849		
	14 Nov. 1849		
	22 Dec. 1849		
	19 Jan. 1850		
	23 Feb. 1850		
	30 Mar. 1850		
	6 Apr. 1850		
	14 Sept. 1850		
	19 Oct. 1850		
	23 Nov. 1850		
	28 Dec. 1850		

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	1 Feb. 1851		12 (cont'd)
	8 Mar. 1851		
	12 Apr. 1851		
	22 Sept. 1851		
dissoive	6 Nov. 1851		
summon	6 Nov. 1851	(plus Writ)	
	20 Dec. 1851		
	24 Jan. 1852		13
	12 Apr. 1852		
	22 May 1852		
	28 June 1852		
	16 July 1852	(two copies)	
	20 July 1853		
	26 Aug. 1853		
	7 Oct. 1853		
	18 Nov. 1853		
	22 Dec. 1853		
	3 Feb. 1854		
	17 Mar. 1854		
	22 Apr. 1854		
	3 May 1854		
dissoive	23 June 1854		
summon	23 June 1854	(plus Writ)	
	7 Aug. 1854		
	6 July 1855		
	11 Aug. 1855		
	14 Sept. 1855		
	20 Oct. 1855		
	28 Nov. 1855		
	7 Jan. 1856		
	26 July 1856		
	13 Sept. 1856		
	24 Oct. 1856		
	3 Dec. 1856		
	9 Jan. 1857		
	27 Jan. 1857		
	18 July 1857		
	22 Aug. 1857		
	2 Oct. 1857		
	31 Oct. 1857		
dissoive	28 Nov. 1857		
summon	28 Nov. 1857	(plus Writ)	

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	9 Jan. 1858		13 (cont'd)
	21 Jan. 1858		
	24 Sept. 1858		
	30 Oct. 1858		
	11 Dec. 1858		
	4 Jan. 1859		
	11 June 1859		
	16 July 1859		
	19 Aug. 1859		
	24 Sept. 1859		
	29 Oct. 1859		
	3 Dec. 1859		