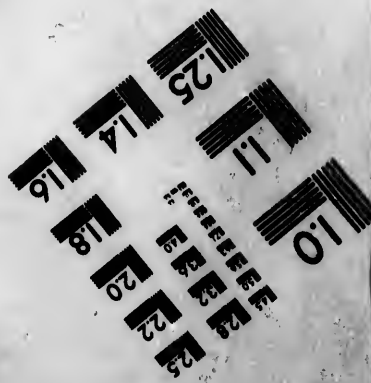
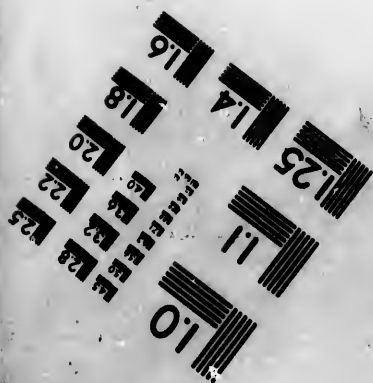
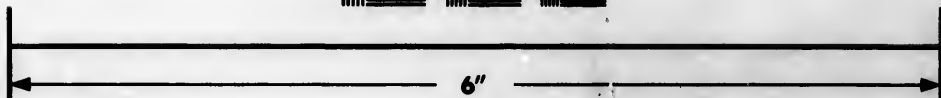
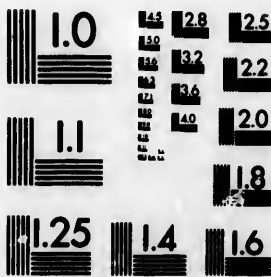


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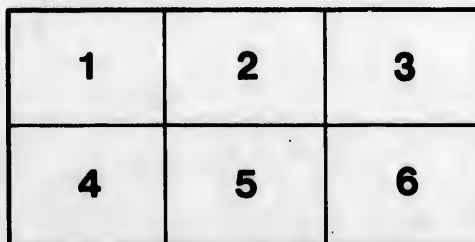
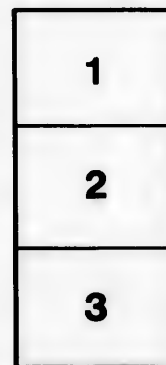
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WILLIAM THE FOURTH, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith—To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may concern—GREETING: Whereas an Association of divers of our loving subjects in the Province of Lower Canada, has been formed in the City of Quebec in our said Province, under the name of the “**Literary and Historical Society of Quebec,**” for the prosecution of researches into the early history of Canada, for the recovering, procuring, and publishing, interesting documents and useful information, as to the Natural, Civil and Literary History of British North America, and for the advancement of the Arts and Sciences in the said Province of Lower Canada, from which public benefit may be expected. And whereas it has been represented to us that the advantages to arise from the Association, would be greatly increased and confirmed by the Incorporation of the Members thereof, and an humble application has been made to

us that we would be graciously pleased to grant our Royal Charter of Incorporation for this purpose. Now Know YE—that being willing and desirous to afford encouragement to an Institution for objects so laudable and beneficial: We, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have willed, ordained, granted, and appointed, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do will, ordain, grant, and appoint, that George Earl of Dalhousie, Sir James Kempt, John Adams, Edmund William Romer Antrobus, Charles Ardouin, Thomas Cushing Aylwin, Frederick Baddeley, Henry W. Bayfield, Francis Bell, Henry Black, Edward Bowen, William Brent, Joseph Bouchette, Robert Shore Milnes Bouchette, Joseph Bouchette, junior, George Bourne, Judge Burton, Edward Burroughs, John Caldwell, Hugh Caldwell, Archibald Campbell, Charles Campbell, John Saxton Campbell, John Cannon, Edward Caron, John P. Cockburn, Andrew Wm. Cochran, Thomas Coffin, James Cuthbert, John Davidson, William H. A. Davies, Dominick Daly, Jerome Demers, Edward Desbarats, Frederick Desbarats, Robert D'Estimauville, William Dudley Dupont, William Bowman Felton, John Charlton Fisher, John Fletcher, William Findlay, James B. Forsyth, John Fraser, John Malcolm Fraser, François Xavier Garneau, Augustin Germain, Manly Gore, William Green, Louis Gogy, John Hale, James Hamilton, André Remi Hamel, Joseph Hamel, Victor Hamel, Aaron Hart, James Harkness, William Henderson, Frederick Ingall, William Kemble, William Kelly, James Kerr, Pierre Laforce, Louis Lagueux, William Lampson, Pierre de Salles Laterrière, Thomas Lee, junior, Joseph Legaré, Henry Lemesurier, Thomas Lloyd, William Lyons, Frederick Maitland, John McNider, William McKee, William King McCord, Roderick McKenzie, John Langley

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so as the same do not exceed in yearly value the sum of five hundred pounds, sterling money of Great Britain, above all charges ; and also to take, receive, purchase, acquire, have, hold, possess and enjoy, to and for the same uses and purposes, any goods, chattels, gifts or benefactions, whatsoever. And we do hereby grant and declare, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors for ever, by the same name, shall and may be able and capable to sue in law, and to be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in all or any Court or Courts of Record, within our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and our said Province of Lower Canada, and other our dominions, in all and singular actions, causes, pleas, suits, matters and demands whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial manner and form, as any other body politic or corporate, or any other our liege subjects, being persons, able and capable in law, may or can sue, implead or answer, or be sued, impleaded, or answered, in any matter whatsoever. And for the better accomplishment of the purposes aforesaid, we do grant, ordain and declare, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors for ever, shall on the second Wednesday in January yearly and every year, meet at some convenient place to be appointed by the said Society, or the major part of them who shall be present at any General Meeting, between the hours of eight and twelve in the morning ; and that they or the major part of such of them as shall then be present, shall choose one President, one or more Vice-Presidents, one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, one or more Secretary or Secretaries, and such other Officers and Servants as shall be thought expedient, to serve in the said offices during the year next ensuing, and if by reason of any cause, matter or

thing, the Election so to be had and made on the second
 Wednesday in the month of January, yearly as aforesaid,
 should be prevented, or may not be had or made; we grant
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 the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their
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 sent at a Meeting to be held as soon after as may be con-
 venient, to proceed to and make Election of a President,
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 and the Elections so made, shall be as valid and effectual as
 if they had been made on such second Wednesday in
 the month of January as aforesaid; and we do hereby grant
 and ordain that the Honorable Jonathan Sewell, our Chief
 Justice of our said Province, and a Member of our Executive
 and Legislative Councils of our said Province, shall be the
 first President of the said Society; and that the said President
 shall within six months after the passing of the Charter,
 cause notice to be given to the several Members of the said
 Society herein before mentioned, to meet at such time and
 place as he shall appoint; and that they or the major part of
 such of them as shall then be present, shall proceed to the
 Election of one or more Vice-President or Vice-Presidents,
 one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, and one or more
 Secretary or Secretaries, and such other Officers and Servants
 as shall to them seem meet; which said Officers from the
 time of their Election to their respective offices, shall con-
 tinue therein until the second Wednesday, in the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and from
 thenceforth until others shall be chosen in their places in
 manner aforesaid. And we do further grant and ordain,
 that if at any time or times, it shall happen that any of the

persons chosen to the said offices respectively, shall die, or be removed from the said offices, or resign the same during the period for which they shall have been respectively elected, then, and in every such case, it shall be lawful for the surviving and continuing President, or any one of the Vice-Presidents, to issue notice to the several Members of the said Corporation, to meet at the usual place at which the annual Meeting of the said Society shall be held, at such time as shall be specified in the said notice; and that the Members of the said Corporation who shall meet in pursuance of such notice, or the major part of them, shall and may choose an Officer or Officers, in the room and place of the person or persons who shall have died, or resigned, or have been removed as aforesaid, as to them shall seem meet. And we do further grant and ordain, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors, shall and may on the second Wednesday in every month, yearly, and every year, for ever hereafter, and oftener if occasion shall require, meet at some convenient place to be appointed for that purpose, to transact the business of the said Society; and shall and may at any meeting on such second Wednesday in the month, elect such persons to be Members of the said Corporation, as they or the major part of them present, shall think expedient. Provided always, and our will and pleasure is that no act done at any Meeting of the Society, shall be valid and effectual unless the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and eight other Members of the said Society at least be present, and the major part of them do consent to and concur therein. And we do further will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant and ordain, that the said Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and their successors, or the major part of them who

shall be present at the first and second Meeting of the said Society, or at any Meeting on the second Wednesday in the months of January, May and November in each and every year, and at no other Meetings of the said Society, shall have power and authority to frame and make Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, touching and concerning the good government of the said Corporation, and the income and property thereof, and any other matter or thing which to them may seem fit and expedient; for the more effectual attainment of the objects of the said Corporation, and the administration of its concerns; and also, from time to time, by new Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, as to them may seem meet. Provided always, that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, shall not be repugnant to the Laws of our said Province of Lower Canada or to this our Charter. And provided also, that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, shall be subject to the approbation of our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of our said Province for the time being; and shall forthwith after their adoption be transmitted for his consideration; and in case he shall for us, or in our behalf, signify his disapprobation thereof, in writing, within one year after the same shall have been so as aforesaid made known to him, the same or such part thereof as shall be so disapproved, shall, from the time of the signification of such disapprobation to the President of the said Corporation, be utterly void and of no effect, but until such disapprobation be so signified, shall be and remain in full force and virtue. And we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, charge and command that the said Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Orders, so as aforesaid to be made by the said Literary and Historical Society, under and subject to the provisions as aforesaid,