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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1838.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 6th day of October 1838,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in the colonies of British Guiana, Trinidad, St. Lucia, and Mauritius, divers persons, without probable claim or pretence of title, have taken possession of lands therein respectively situate, and it is necessary that provision be made for the prevention of such encroachments; it is therefore ordered, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the stipendiary justices of the peace within the said colonies respectively shall, in manner hereinafter mentioned, exercise a summary jurisdiction for the removal of all persons who have so taken, or shall take, possession of any lands, from the lands of which they may so have taken, or shall take, possession in such colonies respectively, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions hereinafter mentioned:

And it is further ordered, that for the purposes, and within the meaning of this present Order, such persons only shall be considered and be entitled to act as stipendiary justices of the peace as are entitled to act in that capacity under certain Orders of Her Majesty in Council, bearing date the seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, for regulating contracts of hired service,

and for the prevention and punishment of vagrancy within the colonies aforesaid.

And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for every such stipendiary justice of the peace to receive any information which may be laid before him upon oath, charging any person or persons with having, without probable claim or pretence of title, entered upon, or taken possession of, any lands in any of the said respective colonies, provided that if the lands mentioned, or referred to, in any such information, shall belong to, or be vested in, Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors, such information shall be preferred by the Surveyor-General of the colony, or by some person acting under his authority, and on his behalf; but that if the lands mentioned, or referred to in any such information, shall belong to, or be vested in, any body politic or corporate, or in any persons or person other than Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors, such information shall be preferred by the owner or owners of such lands, or by some person or persons who, as general or special agent, attorney, trustee, or otherwise, may be authorized to represent and to act for, and on the behalf of, such owner or owners, or by some person or persons who may be authorized by the Supreme Court of Justice in such colony to prefer such information.

And it is further ordered, that every stipendiary justice before whom any such information shall be preferred, shall issue his summons for the appearance before him, of the party or parties alleged to have so illegally entered upon, or taken possession of, such