

who have plowed up their
notions proceeding by the
dark crimes of desecration and
house breaking.

I wish to ascertain
the origin of the disturbances
and the circumstances which
have contributed directly
and indirectly to the occurrence
by which that section of the
Country formerly so remarkable
for the peaceable and moral
character of its inhabitants
has been recently disgraced and
ruined.

To point out after
due consideration, the means
which should in your opinion
be adopted for the purpose
of preventing the recurrence
of similar scenes of disorder.

In order to enable
you to carry out the object
of your mission you are authorized
to take with you any number
of policemen or special
constables which you may
consider

em which sufficient and
 arrangements have been made
 by His Excellency the Lieutenant
 Governor for sending the
 Troops to station for a
 time a detachment of troops
 at the Town of St. Roch
 upon whose assistance you
 may call in case of need.

This left to your discretion
 to decide after con-
 sulting whether you will
 call upon these Troops
 to assist you in making the
 contemplated arrests or
 whether you will proceed to
 effect them through the
 instrumentality of the
 Civil force ~~in aid of~~ alone.

In coming to a decision
 on the point you will
 don't lose sight in mind that
 which it would be highly
 desirable to effect these

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most by means of a civil
force unaided any attempt
to apprehend the offenders
might be attended with
consequences which cannot
be too carefully guarded
against.

P. B. Johnson Esq.

I have the honor

to be

Copy of a letter of
instructions addressed
to P. B. Johnson
Esq. of Montreal
concerning the
relation to the
Governor General

16 avril 1850