

<b>Title:</b>	Order to create a General Board of Health in the Town of Niagara, June 25, 1832		
<b>Creator:</b>	Charles Richardson, Clerk of the Peace, District of Niagara		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	June 25, 1832	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 511
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>A broadside titled "In Special Sessions" dated at Niagara, June 25, 1832, ordering that a General Board of Health be established at the Town of Niagara, and branch boards at Queenston, Chippawa, Waterloo, Ferry, Port Dalhousie and the line of the Welland Canal. Present at the session were James Muirhead, Esquire, Chairman; George Adams, Samuel Street, Alexander Hamilton, Robert Grant, Robert Henry Dee, John Warren, George Ball, John Clark, William Hamilton Merritt, Daniel McDougal and James Cummings, Esquires. There are 13 orders in total, providing the details of who is to compose the General Board and Branch Boards; the duties and responsibilities of each Board; compensation for health officers and medical men; and how the establishment of hospitals and a medical presence at local ports is to be paid for. The establishment of the Board coincided with the cholera epidemic of 1832 and was likely created in an attempt to control the spread of the disease. The fifth order reads "That all Steam Boats, Vessels, or other craft entering the Port of Niagara or Dalhousie, be required to come too or anchor at a point not nearer than fifty yards from shore until visited by the health officer..." The tenth order states "That a yellow flag be hoisted at every place where infected persons are lodged".</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	1 broadside, 36.5 x 28 cm.		
<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>In the early nineteenth century, a widespread outbreak of cholera occurred in continental Europe, eventually spreading to the British Isles. The disease subsequently spread to Canada as impoverished British immigrants seeking a better life arrived in the country. To help curb the spread of the disease, local Boards of Health were created.</p>		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		

<b>Source Information:</b>	Acquired from Alexander Gallery in 2014.		
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