

## Royal Instructions to Governor-General.

which oaths the said chief justice for the time being of our said Dominion, or, in his absence, or in the event of his being otherwise incapacitated, any judge of the supreme court of our said Dominion shall, and he is hereby required to tender and administer unto him or them.

Oaths to be administered by the governor-general.

II. And we do authorize and require our said governor-general from time to time, by himself or by any other person to be authorized by him in that behalf, to administer to all and to every person or persons, as he shall think fit, who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit in our said Dominion, the said oath of allegiance, together with such other oath or oaths as may from time to time be prescribed by any laws or statutes in that behalf made and provided.

Governor-general to communicate instructions to the privy council of the Dominion. Laws sent home to have marginal abstracts.

III. And we do require our said governor-general to communicate forthwith to the privy council for our said Dominion these our instructions, and likewise all such others, from time to time, as he shall find convenient for our service to be imparted to them.

Journals and minutes.

IV. Our said governor-general is to take care that all laws assented to by him in our name, or reserved for the signification of our pleasure thereon, shall, when transmitted by him, be fairly abstracted in the margins, and be accompanied, in such cases as may seem to him necessary, with such explanatory observations as may be required to exhibit the reasons and occasions for proposing such laws; and he shall also transmit fair copies of the journals and minutes of the proceedings of the parliament of our said Dominion, which he is to require from the clerks, or other proper officers in that behalf, of the said parliament.

Grant of pardons.

V. And we do further authorize and empower our said governor-general, as he shall see occasion, in our name and on our behalf, when any crime has been committed for which the offender may be tried within our said Dominion, to grant a pardon to any accomplice, not being the actual perpetrator of such crime, who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender; and, further, to grant to any offender convicted of any crime in any court, or before any judge, justice or magistrate, within our said Dominion a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any respite of the execution of the sentence of any such offender, for such period as to our said governor-general may seem fit, and to remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures which may become due and payable to us. Provided always, that our said governor-general shall not in any case, except where the offence has been of a political nature, make it a condition of any pardon or remission of sentence that the offender shall be banished from or shall absent himself from our said Dominion. And we do hereby direct and enjoin that our said governor-general shall not pardon or reprieve any such offender without first receiving in capital cases the advice of the privy council for our said Dominion, and in other cases the advice of one, at least, of his ministers; and in any case in which such pardon or reprieve might directly affect the interests of our empire, or of any country or place beyond the jurisdiction of the government of our said Dominion, our said governor-general shall, before deciding as to either pardon or reprieve, take those interests specially into his own personal consideration in conjunction with such advice as aforesaid.

Remission of fines. Proviso—banishment from the Dominion prohibited. Exception—political offences. Regulation of power of pardon.

Governor-general's absence.

VI. And whereas great prejudice may happen to our service and to the security of our said Dominion by the absence of our said governor-general, he shall not, upon any pretense whatever, quit our said Dominion without having first obtained leave from us for so doing under our sign-manual and signet, or through one of our principal secretaries of state.

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