

to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances for the public Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the said Island and its Dependencies, and the People and Inhabitants thereof, and such others as should resort thereto, and for the Benefit of His late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors: And whereas by the before-mentioned Instructions so referred to as aforesaid in the said Commission the said Governor was authorized to issue a Proclamation dividing the said Island into Districts or Counties, Towns or Townships, and appointing the Limits thereof, and declaring and appointing the Number of Representatives to be chosen by each of such Districts or Counties, Towns or Townships respectively: And whereas the Proclamation referred to in the said last-mentioned Instructions was accordingly issued by the said Governor in the Name and on the Behalf of His said late Majesty, whereby the said Island was divided into Nine Districts for the Purpose of the Election of the Members of the said Assembly; and it was by the said Proclamation, amongst other Things, declared, that every Man being of the full Age of Twenty-one Years and upwards, and being of sound Understanding, and being a natural-born Subject of His said late Majesty, or having been lawfully naturalized, and never having been convicted in due Course of Law of any infamous Crime, and having for Two Years next immediately preceding the Day of Election occupied a Dwelling House within the said Island, as Owner or Tenant thereof, should be eligible to be a Member of the said House of Assembly; and it was by the said Proclamation further declared, that every Man who for One Year next immediately preceding the Day of Election had occupied a Dwelling House within the said Island, as Owner or Tenant thereof, and who in other respects might be eligible, according to the Regulations aforesaid, to be a Member of the said House of Assembly, should be competent and entitled to vote for the Election of Members of the said Assembly in and for the District within which the Dwelling House so occupied as aforesaid by him might be situated: And whereas, in pursuance of the said Commission, Instruction, and Proclamation, General Assemblies have since been elected and holden in and for the said Island of *Newfoundland* in the Manner therein prescribed; and the said Commission and Instructions have from Time to Time been renewed on the Appointment of the successive Governors of the said Island, and divers Laws have been made in pursuance thereof by the said Governor, Council, and Assembly: And whereas it is expedient that the Changes hercin-after mentioned should be made in the Constitution of the Government of the said Island; be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in or by any Commission or Commissions under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to be hereafter issued for the Government of *Newfoundland*, and in and by any Instructions under Her Majesty's Signet and Sign Manual accompanying and referred to in any such Commission or Commissions, to establish a Qualification in respect of Income or Property in right of which any Person may be hereafter elected to serve as a Member of the said Assembly; provided that no such Qualification shall be fixed at more than a net

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