

Governor-in-Chief in our Province of Nova-Scotia, and our Islands of St. John and Cape-Breton, now and for the time being." And Petitioners further beg leave to state, that the said Lieutenant-Governor of Cape-Breton soon after repaired to said Island, and, upon his arrival there, organized the Government, which Government was, from that period until the year 1820, always administered by a succession of Lieutenant-Governors or Presidents of said Island, with the assistance of a Council independent of the Council and Assembly of Nova-Scotia. That His Majesty's Commission to the Governor-in-Chief of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the Islands of St. John's and Cape-Breton, alluded to in the above recited Commission to the Lieutenant-Governor of the said Island, and dated on the 11th of September, in the same year, namely, in 1784—amongst other things, after stating that His Majesty in the ninth year of His Reign, had been pleased to appoint "Walter Patterson, Esquire, to be Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Island of St. John and Territories adjacent thereto, in America," and had also "thought fit to erect that part of our Province of Nova-Scotia lying to the northward of the Bay of Fundy into a separate Province, by the name of New-Brunswick," proceeds as follows:—"We have thought fit to re-annex the Island of St. John, and its Dependencies, to our Government of Nova-Scotia," and then goes on to revoke a former Commission to the said Governor-General of Nova-Scotia, and also that to the said Walter Patterson as Governor-in-Chief of St. John's Island, and, in the new Commission to the said Governor-General of Nova-Scotia, concludes the description of His Excellency's Government as Governor-General as continued and bounded as follows, viz:—"To the Eastward by the Bay of Verte and the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Cape or Promontory called Cape-Breton, in the Island of that name, including the said Island, the Island of St. John, and all other Islands within six leagues of the Coast." And His said Majesty, in this, His last recited Commission, further thus pledges himself and says, "And we do hereby require and command you to do and execute all things in due manner that shall belong unto your said command and the trust we have reposed in you, according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed you by the present Commission and Instructions herewith given you, or by such further powers, instructions and authorities, as shall at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you under our Signet and Sign Manual, or by our Order in our Privy Council, and according to such reasonable Laws and Statutes as are now in force, or shall hereafter be made or agreed on by you, with the advice and consent of our respective Councils and Assemblies of our Province of Nova-Scotia and our Islands of St. John and Cape-Breton, under your Government." "And we do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority, with the advice and consent of our said respective Councils, from time to time as need shall require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Planters within your Government in such manner and form as has been already appointed and used, or according to such further powers, instructions and authorities as shall at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you under our Signet and Sign Manual, or by our Order in our Privy Council." "And our will and pleasure is, that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the Freeholders of the respective Counties and places, and so returned shall, before their sitting, take the Oaths mentioned in the first recited Act of Parliament, altered as above, as also make and subscribe the aforementioned Declaration—which Oaths and Declaration you shall commissionate fit persons, under our Seals of Nova-Scotia, St. John, and Cape Breton, respectively to tender and administer unto them." "And we do hereby declare that the persons so elected, shall be called and deemed the General Assembly of our Province of Nova-Scotia, of our Island of St. John, and of our Island of Cape-Breton respectively." An Instruction appears also to have been given to the said Governor-General, of a corresponding date, to the following purport, viz: "And whereas the situation and circumstances of our Island of Cape-Breton will not, at present, admit the calling of an Assembly, you, or our Lieutenant-Governor of our said Island, shall, until it appears expedient to call such Assembly, in the mean time