

persons We do hereby give and grant all the powers and authorities vested in you by this Our Commission and the Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet accompanying the same: Provided, nevertheless, that if the exigencies of Our Service shall at any time require your presence in Our Island of Vancouver, you do continue to exercise all the powers and authorities hereby vested in you, as fully as if you were not absent from the limits of Our said Colony of British Columbia.

XII. And We do hereby require and command all Officers, Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the inhabitants of Our said Colony and the territories depending thereon, to be obedient, aiding and assisting unto you, the said James Douglas, or in the event of your death, incapacity, or removal or absence from Our said Colony, to such person or persons as may, under the provisions of this Our Commission, assume and exercise the functions of our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony.

INSTRUCTIONS to Our trusty and well-beloved JAMES DOUGLAS, Esquire, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of British Columbia and of its Dependencies, or in his absence to Our Lieutenant-Governor or Officer administering the Government of Our said Colony and its Dependencies for the time being.

Given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 2d day of September 1858, in the twenty-second year of Our Reign.

I. With these Our Instructions you will receive Our Commission under Our Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting you to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies; you are therefore with all convenient speed to assume and enter upon the execution of the trust We have reposed in you.

II. And you are, with all due and usual solemnity, to cause Our said Commission, constituting you Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief as aforesaid, to be read and published in the presence of the principal persons of Our said Colony, and you will then and there take the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by the Act of the first year of King George the First, Statute 2, chapter 13, section 2, and likewise the usual oath for the due execution of the office and trust of Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony and Dependencies, and for the due and impartial administration of justice, and further, the oath required to be taken by Governors of Plantations, to do their utmost that the several laws relating to trade and the plantations be duly observed, which oaths any two Justices of Our said Colony and its Dependencies or of Vancouver's Island, have hereby full power and authority and are required to tender and administer unto you; all which being duly performed, you will administer the said Oath of Allegiance to each of the principal persons then present.

III. You are, by yourself, or by any other person to be authorized by you in that behalf, to administer and to give to all and every such persons as you shall think fit, who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit, or who shall at any time or times pass into Our said Colony and its Dependencies, or be resident therein, the said Oath of Allegiance, save only in cases wherein any other oath or oaths is or are prescribed by the Statutes in that behalf made, or by any of them, in which cases it is Our pleasure and We do hereby direct that you do administer to such persons such other oath or oaths as aforesaid.

IV. It being of the greatest importance to Our Service and to the welfare of Our subjects, that justice be everywhere speedily and duly administered, and that all disorders, delays, and other undue practices in the administration thereof be effectually prevented, We do particularly require you to take especial care that in all Courts where you are authorized to preside justice be impartially administered, and that in all other Courts established within our said Colony and its Dependencies all Judges and other persons therein concerned do likewise perform their several duties, without any delay or partiality.

V. And whereas We have by Our said Commission authorized, empowered, and commanded you, by Proclamation, or Proclamations to be by you for that purpose issued under the Public Seal of Our said Colony, to make all such laws, institutions, and ordinances as may be necessary for the peace, order, and good government of Our