

of the members present. The Governor gives, withholds, and reserves for the further signification of His Majesty's pleasure, the Royal Sanction to Bills proposed by the two other Branches. Laws assented to by the Governor, may be disallowed by His Majesty within two years. His Majesty cannot assent to any Act or Acts affecting the enjoyment of the Dues of the Clergy of the Church of Rome, or affecting the establishment of the Church of England within the Province. nor the provisions made for the same, or the enjoyment or exercise of any religious form or mode of worship, or creating penalties, burthens, disabilities or disqualifications on that account, or granting or imposing any new Dues in favour of any Ministers of any form of worship, or affecting the prerogative touching the granting of the waste lands of the Crown, without such Acts having been 30 days before both Houses of the British Parliament, and neither of the Houses having addressed His Majesty not to sanction the same. The *Laws in force* in Lower-Canada, are: 1st. The Acts of the British Parliament which extend to the Colonies. 2d. Capitulations and Treaties. 3d. The Laws and Customs of Canada, founded principally on the Custom of Paris, the Edicts of the French Kings, and their Colonial Authorities, and the Roman Civil Law. 4th. The Criminal Law of England, as it stood in 1774, and as explained by subsequent declaratory Statutes. 5th. The Ordinances of the Governor and Council, established by the Act of that year; and, 6th. the Acts of the Provincial Legislature since 1793. These Laws are executed in His Majesty's name, and, in virtue of his Commission and Instructions, by the Governor, or person administering the government, by the means of a number of inferior officers, all of whom, with a few exceptions, he appoints during pleasure. The Governor also possesses all other powers and prerogatives, generally, which His Majesty may legally enjoy, and delegates to him. The *Judiciary* consists of a Chief Justice of the Province, and three Puisné Justices for the District of Quebec, a Chief Justice and three Puisné Justices for Montreal, a Provincial Judge for Three-Rivers, and one for Gaspé. The Police is administered by Justices of the Peace.