
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

have seven or more persons in it, and you are from time to time to send to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, the names and qualifications of any Member by you put into our said Council, by the first opportunity after so doing.

IV.

You are to communicate forthwith such of these Our Instructions to Our said Council wherein their advice and consent are mentioned to be requisite, and likewise all such others from time to time as you shall find convenient for Our service to be imparted to them.

V.

You are to permit the Members of Our said Council to have and enjoy freedom of debate, and vote in all affairs of public concern that may be submitted to their consideration in Council; and We do hereby direct that all proceedings and votes of Our said Council shall be reduced to writing and regularly entered on the Council Books.

VI.

You are neither to augment nor diminish the number of the Members of Our said Council as already established, nor to suspend any of them without good and sufficient cause, nor without the consent of the majority of the said Council, signified in Council, after due examination of the charge against such Councillor and his answer thereunto; and in the case of the suspension of any of them you are to cause your reasons for so doing, together with the charges and proofs against such Councillor and his answer thereunto, to be duly entered upon the Council Book, and forthwith to transmit Copies thereof to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State; nevertheless, if it should happen that you should have reasons for suspending any of the Members of Our said Council not fit to be communicated to Our said Council, you may in that case suspend such Member without such consent of the majority of the Council as aforesaid; but You are thereupon immediately to send to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, an account of your proceedings therein, together with your reasons at large for such suspension, and also your reasons for not communicating the same to Our Council.

VII.

And whereas effectual care ought to be taken to oblige the Members of Our said Council to a due attendance therein, and thereby to prevent the inconveniences that may happen from the want of a quorum to transact business, as occasion may require; it is Our Will and Pleasure that if any of the Members of Our said Council shall hereafter absent themselves from the said Island, and continue absent above the space of Six Months together, without leave from you first obtained, under your Hand and Seal, or shall remain absent for the space of one year successively, without leave given them under Our Royal Sign Manuel and Signet, or shall become bankrupt or be declared insolvent, his or their place or places in the said Council shall immediately thereupon become void; and that if any of the Members of Our said Council residing within Our said Island, shall hereafter absent themselves when duly summoned, without a sufficient cause, and shall persist in such absence after being thereof ad-