

with the consent of our said Councils, and the Representatives of the people; so to be summoned as aforesaid, to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes and Ordinances for the public peace, welfare and good government of our said colonies, and of the people and inhabitants thereof, as near as may be agreeable to the Laws of *England*, and under such regulations and restrictions as are used in other colonies; and in the meantime, and until such assemblies can be called as aforesaid, all persons inhabiting in, or resorting to our said colonies may confide in our royal protection for the enjoyment of the benefit of the Laws of our Realm of *England*; for which purpose, we have given power under our Great Seal to the Governors of our said colonies respectively, to erect and constitute, with the advice of our said Councils respectively, courts of Judicature and public justice within our said colonies, for the hearing and determining all causes, as well criminal as civil; according to Law and Equity, and, as near as may be, agreeable to the Laws of *England*, with liberty to all persons, who may think themselves aggrieved by the sentence of such courts, in all civil cases, to appeal, under the usual limitations and restrictions, to us, in our Privy Council.

We have also thought fit with the advice of our Privy Council as aforesaid, to give unto the Governors and Councils of our said three new colonies upon the continent, full power and authority to settle and agree with the inhabitants of our said new colonies or any other person who shall resort thereto, for such lands, tenements and hereditaments, as are now, or hereafter shall be, in our power to dispose of, and them to grant to any such person or persons, upon such terms, and under such moderate quit rents, services and acknowledgments, as have been appointed and settled in other colonies, and under such other conditions as shall appear to us to be necessary and expedient for the advantage of the grantees, and the improvement and settlement of our said colonies.

And whereas we are desirous upon all occasions, to testify our Royal sense and approbation of the conduct and bravery of the officers and soldiers of our armies, and to reward the same, We do hereby command and empower our Governors, of our said three new colonies, and other our Governors of our several provinces of the continent of *North America*, to grant without fee or reward, to such reduced officers and soldiers as have served in *North America* during the late war, and are actually residing there, and shall personally apply for the same, the following quantities of land, subject at the expiration of ten years, to the same quit-rents as other lands are subject to in the province within which they are granted, as also subject to the same conditions of cultivation and improvement, viz.

To every person having the rank of a Field Officer,	- - - -	5000 Acres
To every Captain,	- - - -	3000 Acres
To every Subaltern or Staff Officer,	- - - -	2000 Acres
To every non commissioned Officer,	- - - -	200 Acres
To every private man,	- - - -	50 Acres

We do likewise authorise and require the Governors and Commanders in chief of all our said colonies upon the continent of *North America*, to grant the like quantities of land, and upon the same conditions, to such reduced officers of our navy of like rank, as served on board our ships of war in *North America* at the times of the reduction of *Louisbourg* and *Quebec*, in the late war, and who shall personally apply to our respective Governors for such grants.