

them for the resisting and withstanding of all enemies, pirates and rebels, both at sea and land, and to transport such forces to any of our plantations in America, if necessity shall require, for the defence of the same against the invasion or attempt of any of our enemies, and such enemies, pirates and rebels, if there shall be occasion, to pursue and prosecute in or out of the limits of our said Island and its Dependencies, or any of them, and if it shall so please God them to vanquish, apprehend and take, and to execute martial law in the time of invasion, war, or other times when by law it may be executed, and to do and execute all and every other thing and things which to our Governor and Commander-in-Chief doth and ought of right to belong. And we do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority, by and with the advice and consent of our said Council, to erect, constitute and establish in our said Island and its dependencies, such and so many counties, townships, parishes, cities, boroughs and towns, as you, by the advice aforesaid, shall judge necessary.

And forasmuch as divers mutinies and disorders may happen by persons shipped and employed at sea during the time of war, and to the end that such as shall be shipped and employed at sea during the time of war may be better governed and ordered. We do hereby give and grant unto you, the said Sir Thomas John Cochrane, full power and authority to constitute and appoint captains, lieutenants, masters of ships, and other commanders and officers, and to grant unto such captains, lieutenants, masters of ships and other commanders and officers, commissions to execute the law martial during the time of war, according to the directions of an act passed in the twenty-second year of the reign of King George the second, intituled "An act for amending, explaining and reducing into one act of Parliament the Laws relating to the Government of his Majesty's ships, vessels, and forces by sea," as the same is altered by an act passed in the nineteenth year of the reign of King George the third, intituled "An act to explain and amend an act made in the twenty-second year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the second, intituled, "An act for amending, explaining and reducing into one act of Parliament the laws relating to the Government of his Majesty's ships, vessels, and forces by sea," and to use such proceedings, punishments, corrections, and executions upon any offender or offenders who shall be mutinous, seditious, disorderly or anyways unruly, either at sea or during the time of their abode or residence in any of the ports, harbors or bays of our said Island and its dependencies, as the case shall be found to require, according to martial law, and the said directions during the time of war, as aforesaid; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to the enabling you, or any by your authority, to hold plea, or have any jurisdiction of any offence, cause, matter or thing committed or done upon the high seas, or within any of the havens, rivers and creeks of our said Island and its dependencies under your government, by any captain, commander, lieutenant, master, officer, seaman, soldier or other person whatsoever, who shall be in actual service or pay in or on board any of our ships of war or other vessels acting by immediate commission or warrant from our commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or from our High Admiral of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being, under the seal of our Admiralty, but that such captain, commander, lieutenant, master, officer, seamen, soldier, or other person so offending shall be left to be proceeded against and tried as their offences shall require, either by commission under our Great Seal of this Kingdom as the statute of the twenty-eighth of King Henry the eighth directs, or by commission from our said Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or from our High Admiral of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being, according to the aforementioned act, passed in the twenty-second year of the reign of King George the second, as altered by the said act passed in the nineteenth year of the reign of King George the third; provided nevertheless, that all disorders and misdemeanors committed on shore by any captain, commander, lieutenant, master, officer, seamen, soldier, or other