

to the King, his heirs and successors. The said governor and company shall have liberty, full power and authority, to appoint and establish governors, and all other officers to govern them, and the said governor and his council of the several and respective places where the said company shall have plantations, &c., may have power to judge all persons belonging to the said governor and company or that shall live under them, in all causes whether civil or criminal, according to the laws of this Kingdom, and to execute justice accordingly.

And in case any crime or misdemeanour shall be committed in any of the said company's plantations, &c. where judicature cannot be executed for want of a governor and council there, then in such case it shall and may be lawful for the chief factor of that place and his council, to transmit the party, together with the offence to such other plantation, factory or fort, where there shall be a governor and council, where justice may be executed, or into the Kingdom of England, as shall be thought most convenient, there to receive such punishment as the nature of his offence shall deserve.

It further grants unto the said governor and company, and their successors, free liberty and licence in case they conceive it necessary, to send either ships of war, men or ammunition unto any their plantations, &c., for the security and defence of the same, and to choose commanders and officers over them, and to give them power and authority by commission under their common seal or otherwise, to continue or make peace or war with any prince or people whatsoever, that are not Christians, in any places where the said company shall have any plantations, &c. as shall be most for the advantage and benefit of the said governor and company and of their trade; and also to right and recompense themselves upon the goods, estates or people of those parts, by whom the said governor and company shall sustain any injury, loss or damage, or upon any people whatsoever that shall any way, interrupt, wrong or injure them in their said