

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 our late Royal Grand-father, 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, authorities, punishments, corrections, and execution upon any offender or offenders, who shall be mutinous, seditious, disorderly, or any way unruly either at sea, or during the time of their abode and residence in any of the ports, harbours, or bays of our said Province, and territories, as the case shall be found to require, according to the martial law, and the said directions, during the time of war as aforesaid."

*Extract from the Governor-General's Instructions.*

"And there having been great Irregularities in the manner of granting Commissions in the Plantations to private ships of War, you are to Govern yourself whenever there shall be occasion according to the Commissions and Instructions granted in this Kingdom, but you are not to grant Commissions of marque or reprisal against any Prince or State in amity with us to any Person whatsoever without our special command: and you are to oblige the Commanders of all ships having private Commissions to wear no other Colours than such as are described in an Order in Council of the 7th of January, 1739, in relation to Colours to be worn by all ships of War."

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*Extract from the Vice Admiral's Commission.*

"And to ask, require, levy, take, collect, receive, and obtain for the use of us, and to the Office of our High Admiral of Great Britain aforesaid for the time being, to keep and preserve the said wreck of the sea, and the goods, debts, and chattels of all and singular other the premises, together with all, and all manner of fines, mulcts, issues, forfeitures, amerciaments, ransoms, and recognizances whatsoever forfeited or to be forfeited, and pecuniary punishments for trespasses, crimes, injuries, extortions, contempts, and other misdemeanors whatsoever, howsoever imposed or inflicted or to be imposed or inflicted for any matter, cause or thing whatsoever in our said Province of F.— and the territories depending thereon, and maritime parts of the same and thereto adjoined, in any Court of our Admiralty there held or to be held, presented or to be presented, assessed, brought, forfeited, or adjudged; and also all amerciaments, issues, fines, perquisites, mulcts, and pecuniary punishments whatsoever, and forfeitures of all manner of recognizances before you, or your Lieutenant, Deputy, or Deputies in our said Pro-