

BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

time to time for that purpose issued under the Public Seal of Our said Colony, to make, ordain, and establish all such laws, institutions, and ordinances as may be necessary for the peace, order, and good government of Our subjects and others residing in Our said Colony and its Dependencies: Provided that such laws, institutions, and ordinances are not to be repugnant, but, as near as may be, agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: Provided also, that all such laws, institutions, and ordinances, of what nature or duration soever, be transmitted under the Public Seal of Our said Colony for Our approbation or disallowance, as in Our said Order provided: And We do by these presents require and enjoin you that in making all such laws, institutions, and ordinances you do strictly conform to and observe the rules, regulations, and restrictions which are or shall be in that respect prescribed to you by Our Instructions under Our Royal Sign Manual and Signet accompanying this Our Commission, or by any future Instructions, as aforesaid.

V. And We do hereby authorize and empower you, the said James Douglas, to keep and use the Public Seal for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the seal of Our said Colony and its Dependencies.

VI. And Our further will and pleasure is, that all public monies raised, or which shall be raised by any Proclamation or Law hereafter to be made within Our said Colony and its Dependencies, be issued out by Warrant from you, and disposed of by you for the support of the Government, or for such other purpose as shall be particularly directed or appointed in and by such Proclamation or Law, and not otherwise.

VII. And We do hereby give and grant unto you, the said James Douglas, full power and authority 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 shall judge necessary.

VIII. And We do hereby give and grant unto you, the said James Douglas, by yourself, or by your Captains and Commanders by you to be authorized, full power and authority to levy, arm, muster, command, and employ all persons whatsoever residing within Our said Colony and its Dependencies, and as occasion shall serve, them to march from one place to another, or to embark them for the resisting and withstanding of all enemies, pirates, and rebels, both at sea and land, 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.

IX. And We do hereby give and grant unto you, the said James Douglas, full power and authority, upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend from the exercise of his office within Our said Colony and its Dependencies any person exercising any office or place under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted or which may be granted by Us, or in Our name, or under Our authority, which suspension shall continue and have effect only until Our pleasure therein shall be made known and signified to you. And We do hereby strictly require and enjoin you in proceeding to any such suspension to observe the directions in that behalf given to you by Our Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual accompanying this Our Commission appointing you Governor of Our said Colony.

X. And We do hereby give and grant unto you, the said James Douglas, full power and authority, as you shall see occasion, in Our name and on Our behalf, to grant to any offender convicted of any crime in any Court, or before any Judge, Justice, or Magistrate, within Our said Colony and its Dependencies, a pardon, either free, or subject to lawful conditions, or any respite of the execution of any such offender for such period as to you may seem fit, and to remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures which may become due and payable to Us, but subject to the regulations and directions under Our Royal Sign Manual and Signet accompanying this Our Commission, or in any future Instructions as aforesaid.

XI. And whereas it is necessary to make provision for the execution of this Our Commission in the event of the death, incapacity, removal, or absence of you, the said James Douglas, from Our said Colony: We do hereby declare Our will and pleasure, that in any of the contingencies aforesaid the Government of Our said Colony shall be administered by Our Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Colony; or if there be no Lieutenant-Governor upon the place, by the person whom We may commission to administer the Government of Our said Colony; or if there should be no person so specially commissioned to administer the Government of Our said Colony, then by such person as you, by Warrant under your hand and seal, shall or may appoint to administer the Government of Our said Colony and its Dependencies, to all or either of which