

19th. And you are in a particular manner to signify His Majesty's express will and pleasure to all the inhabitants that now are or hereafter shall come to settle there, and to take care yourself that no trees fit for masts for the future, of the diameter of twenty-four inches and upwards at twelve inches from the ground, be cut without His Majesty's particular licence.

20th. And whereas His Majesty has been graciously placed to constitute and appoint a Surveyor-General of his woods in North America, with proper deputies under him, in order the better to secure and preserve for the use of His Royal Navy such trees as shall be found proper for that service. It is His Majesty's will and pleasure that you be aiding and assisting to the said Surveyor and his deputies, and that you give orders to all officers, civil and military, that they in their several stations and places be aiding and assisting to the said Surveyor or his deputies in preventing the destruction of His Majesty's woods in that Province, or in punishing such as shall be found offending therein.

21st. You are to endeavor to get a survey made of His Majesty's said Province of Nova Scotia, as soon as conveniently may be, and in the meantime you are to send to His Majesty by one of His principal Secretaries of State, and to His Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, the best description of that country you are able to get, with relation to its extent and situation, with respect to the neighbouring French of Canada and Cape Breton.

22nd. You are also to send the most particular account you can, of the nature of the soil, what swamps there are in it; and whether those swamps do produce mast trees, or by draining may not be made fit for raising of hemp; what other products the country is capable of, and how the same may be best improved for the advantage of this Kingdom; and what trade may be carried on with the Indians for furs or otherwise; what navigable rivers there are in the said Province, and what others fall into them.

23rd. And whereas His Majesty has judged it highly necessary for His service, that you should cultivate and maintain a strict friendship and good correspondence with the Indian nations inhabiting within the precincts of your Government, that they may be reduced by degrees, not only to be good neighbours to His subjects, but likewise themselves become good subjects to His Majesty; His Majesty does therefore direct you upon your arrival in Nova Scotia, to send for the several heads of the said Indian nations or clans and promise them friendship and protection on His part. You will likewise bestow on them as your discretion shall direct, such presents as you shall carry from hence in His Majesty's name for their use.

24th. And as a further mark of His Majesty's goodwill to the said Indian nations, you shall give all possible encouragement to intermarriages between His Majesty's British subjects and them, for which purpose you are to declare in His Majesty's name that he will bestow on every white man, being one of his said subjects who shall marry an Indian woman, native and inhabitant of Nova Scotia, a free gift of the sum of ten pounds sterling and fifty acres of land free of quit rent for the space of twenty years, and the like on any white woman, being His Majesty's subjects, who shall marry an Indian man, native and inhabitant of Nova Scotia, as aforesaid.

25th. And whereas it will be of advantage to His Majesty's service, and highly beneficial to the trade of Great Britain that His Majesty's said Province of Nova Scotia be peopled and settled as soon as conveniently may be; as an encouragement to all His Majesty's good subjects that shall be disposed to settle themselves and their families there, you are hereby directed to make grants of such lands in fee simple as are not already disposed of by His Majesty to any person that shall apply to you for the same; reserving, nevertheless, to His Majesty, His heirs and successors an annual rent of one shilling, or of three pounds of hemp clean, bright and water rotted for every fifty acres so granted, at the election of the grantee, the said rent to commence three years after the making the grant, and not before. You are to take especial care that there be a clause inserted in all the said grants declaring that if any grantee shall refuse or neglect to pay the above-mentioned rent for the space of three years, after