

shall be applicable to your Case: And likewise that you take the usual Oath for the due Execution and Performance of the Office and Trust of Our Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of Our said Island, and for the due and impartial Administration of Justice: And further, that you take the Oath required to be taken by Governors of Plantations to do their utmost that the several Laws relating to Trade and Plantations be duly observed: All which said Oaths Our said Council of Our said Island, or any Three or more of the Members thereof, have hereby full Power and Authority and are required to tender and administer unto you; which being duly performed, you shall administer unto each of the Members of the said Council such of the said Oaths mentioned in the said several Acts as shall be applicable to the Case of the individual Member of the said Council taking the same; and you are also to administer to them the usual Oaths for the due Execution of their Places and Trusts.

And we do further give and grant unto you the said John George Earl of Durham full Power and Authority from Time to Time, and at any Time hereafter, by yourself or by any other to be authorized by you in that Behalf, to administer and give such of the said Oaths in the said several Acts contained, as shall be applicable to the Case of the Individual to whom the same shall be administered, to all and every Person or Persons, as you shall think fit, who shall hold any Office or Place of Trust or Profit, or who shall at any Time or Times pass into Our said Island, or be resident or abiding therein.

And We do hereby give and grant unto you the said John George Earl of Durham full Power and Authority to suspend any of the Members of Our Council of Our said Island from sitting, voting, or assisting therein, if you shall find just Cause for so doing. And if it shall at any Time happen that by the Death, Departure out of Our said Island, Suspension or Resignation of any of the said Councillors, or otherwise, there shall be a Vacancy in our said Council, Our Will and Pleasure is, that you signify the same to Us by the first Opportunity, that We may, under Our Sign Manual and Signet, constitute and appoint others in their Stead; but, that our Affairs at that Distance may not suffer for Want of a due Number of Councillors, if ever it shall happen that there shall be less than Nine of them residing in Our said Island of Prince Edward, We do hereby give and grant unto you the said John George Earl of Durham full Power and Authority to choose as many Persons out of the principal Freeholders, Inhabitants of Our said Island of Prince Edward, as shall make up the Number of Our said Council to be Nine, and no more; which Persons so chosen and appointed by you shall be to all Intents and Purposes Councillors in Our said Island, until their Appointments shall either be confirmed or disallowed by Us.

And We do hereby give and grant unto you the said John George Earl of Durham full Power and Authority, with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council, from Time to Time, as Need shall require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Settlers within the said Island under your Government, in such Manner and Form as has been already appointed and used, or according to such further Powers, Instructions, and Authorities as shall at any Time hereafter be granted or appointed you under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council: And Our Will and Pleasure is, that the Persons thereupon duly elected by the major Part of the Freeholders of the respective Counties and Places, and so returned, shall, before their Sitting, take such of the Oaths mentioned in the said several Acts as shall be applicable to the Case of the Individual taking the same; which Oaths you shall commission fit Persons, under the Public Seal of Our said Island of Prince Edward, to tender and administer unto them; and until the same shall be so taken no Person shall be capable of sitting, though elected. And We do hereby declare, that the Persons so elected and qualified shall be called and deemed the General Assembly of Our said Island of Prince Edward. And that you the said John George Earl of Durham, with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council and Assembly, or the major Part of them, shall have full Power and Authority to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances for the public Peace, Welfare, and good Government of Our said Island, and the People and Inhabitants thereof, and such others as shall resort thereto, and for the Benefit of Us, Our Heirs and Successors; which said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances are not to be

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