
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the Relief of His Majesty's "Roman Catholic Subjects," according as the said former Acts or the said last-mentioned Act shall be applicable to your case; and likewise that you take the usual Oath for the due execution of the Office of Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island, and for the due and impartial administration of Justice; which said Oaths the Chief Magistrate for the time being of our said Island shall, and he is hereby required to tender and administer unto you.

II.

And We do authorize and require you, 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 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 therein, the Oath commonly called the Oath of Allegiance, save only in cases wherein any other Oath or Oaths is or are prescribed by the Statutes in that behalf made, or by any of these Statutes, in which cases it is Our pleasure, and We do hereby direct, that you do administer to such persons such other Oath or Oaths as aforesaid.

III.

And We do authorize and require you to call together the following persons, whom We do hereby appoint to be Members of Our Council in Our said Island, any three of whom to be a quorum, Videlicet—the CHIEF OFFICER IN COMMAND OF OUR LAND FORCES for the time being in Our said Island, next after Our Governor thereof for the time being; the ATTORNEY GENERAL for the time being of Our said Island; the COLONIAL SECRETARY for the time being of Our said Island; the COLLECTOR OR OTHER CHIEF OFFICER OF CUSTOMS for the time being of Our said Island; WILLIAM THOMAS, PATRICK MORRIS, WILLIAM BICKFORD ROW, JAMES TOBIN, and JOSEPH NOAD, Esquires; and We do hereby authorize and empower you to suspend any of the Members of Our said Council, in the manner hereinafter provided, from sitting, voting, and 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 and its Dependencies, suspension of any of Our said Councillors, or otherwise, there shall be a vacancy in Our said Council, any three of whom we do hereby appoint to be a quorum, Our Will and pleasure is that you signify the same to Us by the first opportunity, that We may under Our Signet and Sign Manual 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 be less than seven of them residing in our said Island and its Dependencies, you are hereby authorized to choose as many persons out of the principal freeholding Inhabitants of Our said Island and its Dependencies, as will make up the number of Our Council to be seven, and no more, which persons, so chosen and appointed by you, shall be to all intents and purposes Councillors for Our said Island and its Dependencies, until either they are confirmed by Us, or that by the nomination of others by Us, under Our Sign Manual and Signet, Our said Council shall