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quire that all such elections shall be simultaneons, and shall be completed within a time to be limited.

Her Majesty may appoint an Executive Council.

V. And be it enacted, that it shall be competent to her Majesty in manner aforesaid, to establish an Executive Council for advising the Governor of the said Island, apart and distinct from the Legislative Council thereof.

Her Majesty empowered to abolish the Council, as a distinct Branch of the Legislature ;

VI. And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for her Majesty, in manner aforesaid, to abolish the Legislative Council of the said Island as a distinct House or branch of the Legislature thereof, and to authorize and empower the Members of the said Legislative Council to sit and vote in the House of Assembly as Members thereof, as fully in all respects as the elected Members of the said House : Provided always, that the number of Members so to be authorized to sit and vote in the said House of Assembly shall never be more than two fifths of the whole number of the Members of such House of Assembly : provided also, that it shall be competent to her Majesty again, in manner aforesaid, to re-establish the Legislative Council as a separate House of the Legislature of the said Island.

and to re-establish it.

Future Commissions to be laid before Parliament.

VII. And be it enacted, that any such future commission or instructions as aforesaid shall be laid before both houses of Parliament within thirty days next after the date thereof, should Parliament then be in Session, or if not, then within thirty days next after the commencement of the then next Session of Parliament.

Change in Constitution not to continue beyond a limited Time, unless Parliament shall otherwise direct.

VIII. Provided always and be it enacted, that no change which shall be made in the Constitution of the said Island under this act shall continue for a longer time than the first day of *September* one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, unless Parliament shall otherwise order ; but this enactment shall not be construed to annul or affect any laws, statutes, or ordinances made by the Legislature of the said Island as constituted under the Authority of this Act.

Act not to interfere with Prerogative of Her Majesty.

IX. And be it declared and enacted, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to take away or diminish any right or prerogative vested in her Majesty of enlarging, as to her Majesty may seem meet, any Franchise heretofore granted by his late Majesty or hereafter to be granted by her Majesty to her Majesty's subjects in *Newfoundland*.

Act not to effect the Act 2 & 3 W. 4 c. 78.

X. And be it enacted, that nothing herein-before contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter the provisions of an Act passed in the third year of the reign of his late Majesty King *William* the fourth, intituled *An Act to continue certain Acts relating to the Island of Newfoundland and to provide for the appropriation of all Duties which may hereafter be raised within the said Island*.

Act may be amended, &c. this Session.

XI. And be it enacted that this act may be amended or repealed by any act to be passed during this session of Parliament.