

And that the peace and good order of the said island may be preserved, and justice duly administered therein, until more effectual provision shall be made by the legislature of Nova Scotia, or until further order shall be duly made thereon, I do hereby authorise and require that all judges, justices of the peace, constables, and other civil officers in commission in the said island, do continue in the execution of their respective offices, agreeably to the several ordinances passed by the governor and council of Cape Breton, and under which that colony since its separation has been hitherto administered.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax, this 9th day of October 1820, in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's command,
(signed) *Rupert D. George*, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

N° 10.—Copy of an Act of the Assembly, &c. of Nova Scotia, extending the Laws and Ordinances of Nova Scotia to the Island of Cape Breton.

WHEREAS His Majesty has been graciously pleased to re-annex the island of Cape Breton as an integral part of the province, and a distinct and several county thereof, to be called and known by the name of the county of Cape Breton, and to be represented in the general assembly of the province by two members, to be chosen in and for the said county :

1. Be it therefore enacted, by the lieutenant governor, council and assembly, that the civil government, and the administration of justice in the said island, shall be conformable to the usage and practice of the province of Nova Scotia; and the judges, justices, jurors, constables, and other civil officers therein, shall be appointed and commissioned as such officers are appointed and commissioned in other counties of the said province, and have the like powers and authority, and be subject to the same rules, fines and restrictions as similar officers in other counties of the said province are by law liable.

2. And be it further enacted, that the supreme court shall be held by the chief justice, or, in his absence, by two of the assistant justices, or by one of the assistant justices, and the associate circuit judge of the said court at Sydney, in the said county, on the last Tuesday of August; and at Arichat, in the said county, on the first Tuesday of September in each year, and may continue its sittings at each of the said courts for four successive days, and no longer.

3. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for his excellency the lieutenant governor to commission and appoint five fit and proper persons to be justices of the inferior court of common pleas in the said county; which persons so commissioned and appointed shall possess all the privileges, and exercise the same jurisdiction within the said county of Cape Breton, as the justices of the several courts of common pleas, in the province of Nova Scotia, do possess and exercise in the respective counties for which they are commissioned and appointed; and whenever vacancies shall occur in the said courts by the death or removal from office of any justice or justices so appointed, it shall and may be lawful for the governor, lieutenant governor, or commander in chief for the time being, to appoint such other person or persons as he shall deem fit and proper to fill the said vacancy or vacancies: and the said inferior court of common pleas shall be opened and held at Sydney on the second Tuesday of January, and on the second Tuesday of July, in each year; and at Arichat on the second Tuesday of February, and on the second Tuesday of August, in each year; and may continue its sittings at each of the said times and places for five successive days, and no longer.

4. And be it further enacted, that for the convenience of jurors and other persons whose duty obliges them to attend the several courts, the general sessions of the peace shall be held in the said county, at the several times and places hereinbefore directed and appointed for the sittings of the inferior court of common pleas, in the same manner as the same are held in the several counties of Nova Scotia.

5. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the chief justice of His Majesty's supreme court, on or before the first day of January next, to nominate three fit and proper persons to fill the office of high sheriff in the said county