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superiour council of Quebec, and were well pleased and satisfied therewith,) will greatly approve, and be fully satisfied with, the method of government herein before-mentioned by the governours of the said province and a numerous and independant legislative council; and will esteem the establishment of such a council to be a just, and prudent, and salutary measure in the present circumstances of the said province :

Delegation of a legislative authority to the Governour and council of the said province only, without an assembly of the freeholders in the same, for the space of seven years.

I. IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons in parliament assembled, that for the space of seven years, to be computed from the first day of January in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand, seven hundred, and seventy-four, it shall be lawful for his Majesty's Captain-general and Governour in chief of the said province of Quebec, or, in his absence, the Lieutenant-Governour, or Commander in chief, of the same, for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's council of the said province only, and without any assembly of the freeholders and planters of the same, to make, constitute, and ordain, laws, statutes, and ordinances for the public peace, welfare, and good government of the said province, and of the people and inhabitants thereof, and of such other persons as shall resort thereunto, and for the benefit of his said Majesty, his heirs and successors, taking care that the said laws, statutes, and ordinances shall not be repugnant, but, as near as may be, agreeable, to the laws and statutes of this kingdom, in the same manner as the said James Murray, by virtue of his commission above-mentioned, might have done with the consent of both the council and assembly of the said province.

Provided that they shall not have the power of imposing duties, or taxes.

II. PROVIDED always, and IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED, that none of the said laws, statutes, or ordinances, shall in any degree tend to the imposing any duties, or taxes, on the inhabitants of the said province; and that, so far as any of them shall have any such tendency, they shall be utterly void and of no effect or authority whatsoever.

Number of members of this legislative council.

They shall all take the usual oaths and declaration against transubstantiation.

III. PROVIDED ALSO, and IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED, that the said council of the said province shall for the future consist of thirty-one members resident in the said province, who shall qualify themselves for the said offices by taking the oaths mentioned in a certain act of parliament passed in the first year of the reign of King George the first, and intitled, "*An act for the further*