

We have also, with the advice of Our privy council, thought fit to annex the islands of St. John and Cape Breton, or Isle Royale, with the lesser islands adjacent thereto, to Our government of Nova Scotia.

We have also, with the advice of Our privy council aforesaid, annexed to Our province of Georgia, all the lands lying between the rivers Attamaha and St Mary's.

And whereas it will greatly contribute to the speedy settling Our said new governments, that Our loving subjects should be informed of Our paternal care for the security of the liberty and properties of those who are and shall become inhabitants thereof, We have thought fit to publish and declare, by this Our proclamation, that We have, in the letters patent under Our great seal of Great Britain, by which the said governments are constituted, given express power and direction to Our governors of Our said colonies respectively, that so soon as the state and circumstances of the said colonies will admit thereof, they shall, with the advice and consent of the members of Our council, summon and call general assemblies within the said governments respectively, in such manner and form as is used and directed in those colonies and provinces in America which are under Our immediate government; and We have also given power to the said governors, with the consent of Our said councils, and the representatives of the people, so to be summoned as aforesaid, to make, constitute, and ordain laws, statutes, and ordinances for the public peace, welfare, and good government of Our said colonies, and of the people and inhabitants thereof, as near as may be, agreeable to the laws of England, and under such regulations and restrictions as are used in other colonies; and in the meantime; and until such assemblies can be called as aforesaid, all persons inhabiting or resorting to Our said colonies may confide in Our royal protection for the enjoyment of the benefit of the laws of Our realm of England; for which purpose, We have given power under Our great seal to the governors of Our said colonies respectively, to erect and constitute, with the advice of Our said councils respectively, courts of judicature and public justice within Our said colonies, for the hearing and determining all causes, as well criminal as civil, according to law and equity, and as near as may be, agreeable to the laws of England, with liberty to all persons who may think themselves aggrieved by the sentence of such courts, in all civil cases to appeal, under the usual limitations and restrictions, to Us in Our privy council.

We have also thought fit, with the advice of Our privy council as aforesaid, to give unto the governors and councils of our said three new colonies upon the continent, full power and authority to settle and agree with the inhabitants of Our said new colonies, or to any other person who shall resort thereto, for such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, as are now or hereafter shall be in Our power to dispose of; and them to grant to any such person or persons, upon such terms, and under such moderate quit rents, services, and acknowledgments, as have been appointed and settled in other colonies, and under such conditions as shall appear to Us to be necessary and expedient for the advantage of the grantees, and the improvement and settlement of Our said colonies.

And whereas we are desirous, upon all occasions, to testify Our royal sense and approbation of the conduct and bravery of the officers and soldiers of our armies, and to reward the same, We do hereby command and empower Our governors of Our said three new colonies, and other Our governors of Our several provinces on the continent of North America, to grant without fee or reward, to such reduced officers as have served in North America during the late war, and are actually residing there, and shall personally apply for the same, the following quantities of land, subject, at the expiration of ten years, to the same quit-rents as other lands are subject to in the province within which they are granted, as also subject to the same conditions of cultivation and improvement, viz.

To every person having the rank of a field officer, 5,000 acres.

To every captain, 3,000 acres.

To every subaltern or staff officer, 2,000 acres.

To every non-commissioned officer, 200 acres.

To every private man, 50 acres.

We do likewise authorize and require the governors and commanders in chief of all Our said colonies upon the continent of North America, to grant the like quantities of land, and upon the same conditions, to such reduced officers of Our navy of like rank, as served on board Our ships of war in North America, at the time of the reduction of Louisbourg and Quebec in the late war, and who shall personally apply to Our respective governors for such grants.

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