

And that the before-mentioned District of **FERRYLAND** shall consist of and include all that part of Our said Island which, bounded in like manner, is situate and lying between *Petty Harbour* and *Cape Race* :

And that the before-mentioned District of **PLACENTIA** and **ST. MARY** shall consist of and include all that part of Our said Island which, bounded in like manner, is situate and lying between *Cape Race* and *Rushoon* :

And that the before-mentioned District of **BURIN** shall consist of and include all that part of Our said Island which, bounded in like manner, is situate and lying between *Rushoon* and *Garnish* :

And that the before-mentioned District of **FORTUNE BAY** shall consist of and include all that part of Our said Island which, bounded in like manner, is situate and lying between *Garnish* and *Bonne Bay*.

And we do further signify and declare our pleasure to be that the said District of *St. John* shall be represented in the said Assembly by **THREE** Members ;

And that the said District of *Conception-Bay* shall be represented in the said Assembly by **FOUR** Members ;

And that each of the said Districts of *Fogo*, of *Bonavista*, of *Trinity Bay*, and of *Ferryland*, shall be represented in the said Assembly by **ONE** member ;

And that the said Districts of *Placentia* and *St. Mary*, shall be represented in the said Assembly by **Two** Members ;

And that each of the said Districts of *Burin* and *Fortune Bay* shall be represented in the said Assembly by **ONE** Member.

And it is our will and pleasure that the Governor, for the time being, of our said Island, do appoint some fit person to be the **RETURNING OFFICER** within each of the said Districts.

And we do further declare our pleasure to be, that our said Governor do issue, in our name, writs for the election of the members of the several districts before-mentioned, which writs shall be addressed to the several *Returning Officers*, aforesaid, and shall by them be returned to the **COLONIAL SECRETARY** for the time being, of our said Island.

And it is our will and pleasure that every man, being of the full age of *twenty-one* years and upwards, and being of sound understanding, and being our natural-born subject, or having been lawfully naturalized, and never having been convicted in due course of law of any infamous crime, and having for *two years*, next immediately preceding the day of election, occupied a *Dwelling-house* within our said Island, as **OWNER** or **TENANT** thereof, shall be eligible to be a member of the said House of Assembly.

And it is our further will and pleasure, that every man who, for *one year* next immediately preceding the day of election, hath occupied a *Dwelling-house* within our said Island, as **OWNER** or **TENANT** thereof, and who, in other respects, may be eligible, according to the regulations aforesaid, to be a member of the said House of Assembly, shall be competent and entitled to vote for the Election of Members of the said Assembly, in and for the District within which the *Dwelling-House* so occupied as aforesaid may be situate.

And it is our pleasure that the votes for the Members of the said Assembly shall be taken by the said several Returning Officers, at such one or more place or places within each of the said Districts as shall for that purpose be appointed in the body of the writ addressed to the Returning Officer of every such District respectively, and at or within such time or times as shall for the purpose be therein limited. But, inasmuch as by reason of the difficulty in internal communication within our said Island, many persons entitled to vote might be prevented from the exercise of such their franchise, if, in every case, it were necessary to attend in person for that purpose : We do therefore declare Our pleasure to be, that in respect of any *Dwelling-House* situate at the distance of more than *fifteen* miles from the nearest place of Election, within any of the said districts, the Vote of any Householder duly qualified as aforesaid may be given without his personal attendance, by a *written notice* subscribed by such Voter in the presence of two credible witnesses, and duly attested by their signatures ; which notices shall be in such form as our Governor, for the time being, of our said Island, shall from time to time direct.

And it is our further pleasure, that if any candidate or voter, at any such election, shall object to any vote then tendered, it shall be the duty of the Returning Officers to hear such objection, and what may be alleged in support of, or in answer to the same ; and to examine, on oath, the parties by or against whom such objection may be raised ; and any person or persons who may be adduced as a witness or as witnesses on either side, and upon such hearing to admit, or to overrule any such objection as may to such Returning Officer appear just and right.

And we do further declare our will to be, that the persons in favour of whom the greater number of votes shall be given in any such district, shall be publicly declared by such Returning Officer to be **DULY ELECTED** to be the **REPRESENTATIVES** thereof in the said General Assembly, and shall thereupon be returned and take their seats accordingly. *Provided always*, that, in cases of peculiar doubt or difficulty, it shall be competent to any such Returning Officer to make a special return, setting forth the grounds of such doubt, upon which the said House of Assembly shall afterwards decide.

And it is our will, and we do further declare, that the Assembly so to be chosen as aforesaid, shall continue only during our pleasure ; and that the said Assembly shall not proceed to the despatch of any business, unless **Six** Members, at the least, shall be present at and during the whole of the deliberations of the said House thereupon.

And whereas it may be necessary, in order to the complete execution of the several purposes aforesaid, that farther regulations should be made for the conduct of the said Elections and the Return of Members