

B. ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS DATED MARCH 23, 1931

"GEORGE R.I."

Instructions to Our Governor General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of Canada, or, in his absence, to Our Lieutenant-Governor or other Officer for the time being administering the Government of Our Said Dominion.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the Twenty-third day of March, 1931, in the Twenty-first year of Our Reign.

Preamble. Recites Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor General and Commander-in-Chief.

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent bearing even date herewith We have constituted, ordered, and declared that there shall be a Governor General and Commander-in-Chief (hereinafter called Our said Governor General) in and over Our Dominion of Canada (hereinafter called our said Dominion), And We have thereby authorized and commanded Our said Governor General to do and execute in due manner all things that shall belong to his said office, and to the trust We have reposed in him, according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed him by virtue of the said Letters Patent and of such Commission as may be issued to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet, and according to such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet, and to such Laws as are or shall hereafter be in force in Our said Dominion: Now, therefore, We do, by these Our Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet, declare Our Pleasure to be as follows:—

Publication of Governor General's Commission.

I. Our said Governor General for the time being shall, with all due solemnity, cause Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, appointing Our said Governor General for the time being, to be read and published in the presence of the Chief Justice for the time being, or other Judge of the Supreme Court of Our said Dominion, and of the members of the Privy Council in Our said Dominion.

Oaths to be taken by Governor General, etc.

Our said Governor General, and every other Officer appointed to administer the Government of Our said Dominion, shall take the Oath of Allegiance in the form following:—"I,....., do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George, His heirs and successors, according to law. So Help me God;" and likewise he or they shall take the usual Oath for the due execution of the Office of Our Governor General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Dominion, and for the due and impartial administration of justice; which Oaths the said Chief Justice for the time being of Our said Dominion, or, in his absence, or in the event of his being otherwise incapacitated, any Judge of the Supreme Court of Our said Dominion shall, and he is hereby required to, tender and administer unto him or them.

Oaths to be administered by the Governor General.

II. And We do authorize and require Our said Governor General from time to time, by himself or by any other person to be authorized by him in that behalf, to administer to all and to every person or persons, as he shall think fit, who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit in Our said Dominion, the said Oath of Allegiance, together with such other Oath or Oaths as may from time to time be prescribed by any Laws or Statutes in that behalf made and provided.

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III. And We do require Our said Governor General to communicate forthwith to the Privy Council for Our said Dominion these Our Instructions, and likewise all such others, from time to time, as he shall find convenient for Our Service to be imparted to them.

Governor General to communicate Instructions to the Privy Council of the Dominion. Laws sent home to have marginal abstracts.

IV. Our said Governor General is to take care that all Laws assented to by him in Our name, or reserved for the signification of Our pleasure thereon, shall, when transmitted by him, be fairly abstracted in the margins, and be accompanied, in such cases as may seem to him necessary, with such explanatory observations as may be required to exhibit the reasons and occasions for proposing such Laws; and he shall also transmit fair copies of the Journals and Minutes of the proceedings of the Parliament of Our said Dominion, which he is to require from the clerks, or other proper officers in that behalf, of the said Parliament.

Journals and Minutes.

V. And We do further authorize and empower Our said Governor General, as he shall see occasion, in Our Name and in Our behalf, when any crime or offence against the Laws of Our said Dominion has been committed for which the offender may be tried therein, to grant a pardon to any accomplice in such crime or offence, who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender, or of any one of such offenders if more than one; and further, to grant to any offender convicted of any such crime or offence in any Court, or before any Judge, Justice, or Magistrate, within Our said Dominion, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any respite of the execution of the sentence of any such offender, for such period as to Our said Governor General may seem fit, and to remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures which may become due and payable to Us. And We do hereby direct and enjoin that Our said Governor General shall not pardon or reprieve any such offender without first receiving in capital cases the advice of the Privy Council for Our said Dominion, and in other cases the advice of one, at least, of his Ministers; and in any case in which such pardon or reprieve might directly affect the interests of Our Empire, or of any country or place beyond the jurisdiction of Government of Our said Dominion, Our said Governor General shall, before deciding as to either pardon or reprieve, take those interests specially into his own personal consideration in conjunction with such advice as aforesaid.

Grant of Pardons.

Remission of fines. Regulation of power of pardon.

VI. And whereas great prejudice may happen to Our Service and to the security of Our said Dominion by the absence of Our said Governor General, he shall not, upon any pretence whatever, quit Our said Dominion without having first obtained leave from Us for so doing under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or through the Prime Minister of Our said Dominion.

Governor General's absence.