

THE  
**ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS**

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*INSTRUCTIONS to Our Trusty and Well-beloved  
Sir JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,  
Knight, Lieutenant-Colonel in our Army, Our  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over  
Our Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies  
or in His absence to the Officer for the time being  
Administering the Government of the said Island.  
Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, the  
Nineteenth day of July, 1848, in the Twelfth Year  
of Our Reign.*

I.

WHEREAS by a Commission under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing even date herewith, We did re-constitute and re-appoint you the said Sir JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island, and of all Forts and Garrisons erected and established, or which should be erected and established within the same, and did further require and command you to do and execute all things in due manner that should belong to your said Command, and the trust We had reposed in you, according to the several powers and directions granted to or appointed for the Governor of Our said Island for the time being in and by the Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet therein referred to, and according to such further powers, instructions, and authorities as should from time to time be granted or appointed you under Our Signet and Sign Manual, or by Our Orders in our Privy Council or by Us through One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and according to such Laws as are now in force in the said Island of Newfoundland, or such as shall hereafter be made and enacted by virtue of certain therein recited Acts of Parliament: Now therefore, by these Our Instructions under Our Royal Sign Manual and Signet, being the Instructions so referred to in the said Commission, We do declare Our pleasure to be, that you shall, with all due solemnity, cause Our said Commission to be read and published in the presence of Our Chief Officers and other the Principal Inhabitants of the said Island, and you shall then and there take the Oaths appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the First year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled "An Act for the further security of His Majesty's person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors," as altered and explained by an Act passed in the Sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration and the Assurance, and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled 'An Act for the improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms as after the time therein limited requires the delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned, to persons indicted of High Treason or Misprision of Treason," or in lieu thereof the Oath required to be taken by an Act passed in the Tenth year of the Reign of His