

any Person is or shall be appointed by Warrant under Our Signet and Sign Manual, any further than that you may upon the Vacancy of any such Office or Place or upon the Suspension of any such Officer by you as aforesaid, put in any fit Person to officiate in the Interval till you shall have represented the Matter unto Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, which you are to do by the first Opportunity, and till the said Office or Place is disposed of by Us, Our Heirs or Successors, under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, or until some Persons shall be appointed thereunto under Our Signet and Sign Manual, or until Our further Directions be given therein; and it is Our express Will and Pleasure that you do give reasonable Support unto the Patent Officers in the Enjoyment of their legal and established Fees, Rights, Privileges, and Emoluments, according to the true Intent and Meaning of their respective Patents.

Twenty-ninth. And whereas several Complaints have been made by the Officers of Our Customs in Our Plantations in America, that they have frequently been obliged to serve on Juries, and personally to appear in Arms whenever the Militia is drawn out, and thereby are much hindered in the Execution of their several Employments; Our Will and Pleasure is, that you take effectual Care and give the necessary Directions that the several Officers of Our Customs be excused and exempted from serving on any Juries, or personally appearing in Arms in the Militia, except in Cases of absolute Necessity, or serving any parochial Office which may hinder them in the Execution of their Duties.

Thirtieth. And whereas nothing can more effectually tend to the speedy settling of Our said Province of Lower Canada, the Security of the Property of Our Subjects, and the Advancement of Our Revenue, than the Disposal of such Lands as are Our Property upon reasonable Terms, and the establishing of a regular and proper Method of proceeding with respect to the passing of Grants of such Lands; it is therefore Our Will and Pleasure, that all and every Person and Persons who shall apply for any Grant or Grants of Land shall previous to their obtaining the same make it appear that they are in a Condition to cultivate and improve the same; and in case you shall, upon Consideration of the Circumstances of the Person or Persons applying for such Grants, think it advisable to pass the same, you are in such Case to cause a Warrant to be drawn up, directed to the Surveyor General or other Officers, empowering him or them to make a faithful and exact Survey of the Lands so petitioned for, and to return the said Warrant within Six Months or farthest from the Date thereof, with a Plot or Description of the Lands so surveyed thereunto annexed; and when the Warrant shall be so returned by the Surveyor or other proper Officer, the Grant shall be made out in due Form, and the Terms and Conditions required by these Our Instructions be particularly and expressly mentioned therein; and it is Our Will and Pleasure that the said Grants shall be registered within Six Months from the Date thereof in the Registrar's Office, and a Docket thereof be also entered in Our Auditor's Office; Copies of all which Entries shall be returned regularly by the proper Officer to Our Commissioners of Our Treasury.

Thirty-first. And for the further Encouragement of Our Subjects it is Our Will and Pleasure that the Lands to be granted by you as aforesaid shall be laid out in Townships, and that each inland Township shall, as nearly as Circumstances will admit, consist of Ten Miles square; and such as shall be situated upon a navigable River or Water shall have a Front of Nine Miles and be Ten Miles in Depth, and subdivided in such Manner as may be found most advisable for the Accommodation of the Settlers, and for making the several Reservations for Public Uses, and particularly for the Support of the Protestant Clergy, agreeably to the above-recited Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of Our dearest Father, His late Majesty King George the Third.

Thirty-second. And whereas great Inconveniences have heretofore arisen in many Parts of the Colonies in America from the granting excessive Quantities of Land to particular Persons, who have never cultivated or settled the same, and have thereby prevented others more industrious from improving such Lands; in order therefore to prevent the like Inconveniences in future, it is Our Will and Pleasure, that you observe the following Directions and Regulations in all Grants to be made by you as aforesaid; that is to say, that