
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Tables in blank, commonly called the Blue Book, to be annually filled up with certain Returns relative to the Revenue and Expenditure, Militia, Public Works, Legislation, Civil Establishment, Pensions, Population, Schools, Course of Exchange, Imports and Exports, Agricultural Produce, Manufactures, and other matters in the said Blue Book more particularly specified, with reference to the state and condition of our said Island of Newfoundland : Now We do hereby signify Our Pleasure, that all such Returns be accurately prepared and punctually transmitted to Us from year to year, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and that no Officer in Our said Island within whose department it may be to contribute any return or returns for the purposes aforesaid, or to prepare the same when so contributed, shall be entitled to receive or shall receive from you any Warrant for the payment of his Official Salary, which may become due and payable to him, so long as such duty shall be in arrear or remain unperformed.

LVII.

And in case of any distress of any other of Our Plantations, you shall upon application of the respective Governors thereof unto you, assist them with what aid the condition and safety of Our Island under your Government can spare.

LVIII.

You shall likewise from time to time give unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, an account of the wants and defects of the Island under your Government, what are the chief products thereof, what improvements have been lately made, and what further improvements you conceive may be made or advantage gained by trade, or in what way we may contribute thereunto.

LIX.

If anything shall happen which may be of advantage or security to Our Island and its Dependencies under your Government, which is not herein or by Our Commission provided for, We do hereby allow you, with the advice and consent of Our Council, to take order for the present therein, giving unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, speedy notice thereof, so that you may receive Our ratification if We shall approve the same: Provided always, that you do not, under colour of any power or authority hereby given to you, commence or declare War without Our knowledge and particular commands therein.

LX.

When you shall happen to be absent from Our said Island, one full moiety of the Salary and of all perquisites and emoluments whatsoever which would otherwise become due unto you, shall, during the time of your absence, be paid and satisfied unto Our Lieutenant Governor or Officer Administering the Government for the time being, which We do hereby order