

respectively ; all which oaths shall also be administered by the Governor or person administering the government of our said Island and its dependencies for the time being, to all such persons as shall hereafter be appointed to be of our said Council, before they respectively enter upon the execution of the duties of such their offices.

And we do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority to suspend any of the Members of our said Council from sitting, voting and assisting therein, if you shall find just cause for so doing : and if it shall at any time happen that by the death, departure out of our said Island and its dependencies, suspension of any of our said Councillors, or otherwise, there shall be a vacancy in our said Council, any three of them we do hereby appoint to be a quorum, our will and pleasure is that you signify the same unto us, by the first opportunity, that we may, under our signet and sign manual, constitute and appoint others in their stead : but that our affairs at that distance may not suffer for want of a due number of Councillors, if ever it shall happen that there be less than seven of them residing in our said Island and its dependencies, we do hereby give and grant unto you, the said Sir Thomas John Cochrane, full power and authority to choose as many persons out of the principal freeholders, inhabitants of our said Island and its dependencies, as will make up the number of our Council to be seven and no more, which persons so chosen and appointed by you shall be to all intents and purposes Councillors for our said Island and its dependencies, until they are confirmed by us, or that by the nomination of others by us, under our sign manual and signet, our said Council shall have seven or more persons in it.

And we do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority, with the advice and consent of our said Council, from time to time as need shall require, to summon and call general assemblies of the freeholders and householders within the said Island and its dependencies under your government, in such manner and form, and according to such powers, instructions and authorities as are granted or appointed by your General Instructions accompanying this your Commission, or according to such further powers, instructions and authorities as shall be at any time hereafter granted or appointed under our Sign Manual and Signet, or by our order in our Privy Council, and our will and pleasure is, that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the freeholders of the respective towns or districts, and so returned, shall before their sitting take such of the oaths mentioned in the said several acts as shall be applicable to the case of the individual taking the same, which oaths you shall commission fit persons, under the seal of our said Island and its dependencies, to tender and administer unto them ; and until the same shall be taken, no person shall be capable of sitting though elected : and we do hereby declare that the persons so elected and qualified shall be called and deemed the General Assembly of our said Island of Newfoundland, and you the said Sir Thomas John Cochrane, by and with the advice and consent of our said Council and Assembly, or the major part of them respectively, shall have full power and authority to make, constitute and ordain laws, statutes, and ordinances for the public peace, welfare and good government of our said Island and its dependencies, and the people and inhabitants thereof, and such others as shall resort thereto, and for the benefit of us, our heirs and successors, which said laws, statutes and ordinances are not to be repugnant, but as near as may be agreeable, to the laws and statutes of this our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Provided that all such laws, statutes and ordinances, of what nature and duration, soever, be, within three months or sooner after the making thereof, transmitted to us, under the public seal of our said Island and its dependen-