

vided ; and Our Will and Pleasure is, that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the freeholders and householders of the respective Towns and Districts, and so returned, shall, before their sitting, take the Oath commonly called the Oath of Allegiance, 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 so 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 KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, 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 Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Oaths of Allegiance to be administered to members.

General Assembly empowered to enact Laws, &c.

IX.

And it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that all such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, of what nature or 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 Dependencies, for Our approbation or disallowance of the same, as also duplicates thereof by the next conveyance. And in case any or all of the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, not before confirmed by Us, shall at any time be disallowed and not approved, and so signified by Us, our Heirs and Successors, under Our or their Sign Manual and Signet, or by order of Our or their Privy Council, unto you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, or to the Officer administering the Government of Our said Island for the time being, then such and so many of the said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, as shall be so disallowed and not approved, shall from thenceforth cease, determine, and become utterly void and of none effect ; anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And to the end that nothing may be passed or done by Our said Council and Assembly, to the prejudice of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We will and ordain that you, the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, shall have and enjoy a negative voice in the making and passing such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, as aforesaid : and that you, or, in your absence, the Officer Administering the Government, shall and may, from time to time, as you or he shall judge it necessary, adjourn, prorogue, or dissolve all General Assemblies as aforesaid.

Copies of Acts to be transmitted for the signification of the Royal pleasure thereon.

Acts disallowed, to be void.

X.

And whereas by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United