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CAP. CXX.

An Act for amending the Constitution of the Government of *Newfoundland*.

[12th August, 1842.]

**W**HEREAS by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Second Day of *March* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth did give and grant unto the then Governor of the Island of *Newfoundland* full power and authority, with the Advice and Consent of the Council of the said Island, from Time to Time, as need should require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Householders within the said Island and its Dependencies, in such Manner and Form, and according to such Powers, Instructions, and Authorities as were granted or appointed by certain Instructions under His late Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet accompanying the said Commission; and His said late Majesty did by the said Commission declare, that the persons so elected, having taken certain oaths therein mentioned, should be called and deemed the General Assembly of the said Island of *Newfoundland*; and the said Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the said Council and Assembly or the major part of them respectively, was by the said Commission empowered and authorized to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances for the public Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the said Island and its dependencies, and the people and inhabitants thereof, and such others as should resort thereto, and for the benefit of his late Majesty, his heirs and Successors: And whereas by the before mentioned instructions so referred to as aforesaid in the said Commission the said Governor was authorized to issue a proclamation dividing the said Island into districts or counties, towns or townships, and appointing the limits thereof, and declaring and appointing the number of representatives to be chosen by each of such districts or counties, towns or townships respectively: And whereas the Proclamation referred to in the said last-mentioned instructions was accordingly issued by the said Governor in the name and on the behalf of his said late Majesty, whereby the said Island was divided into nine districts for the purpose of the election of the Members of the said Assembly; and it was by the said proclamation, amongst other