

Dalhousie, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and do by these presents constitute and appoint you, the said George Earl of Dalhousie, to be Our captain general and governor in chief in and over Our province of Nova Scotia, and in and over Our island of Prince Edward (formerly St. John), in America, the territory so placed under your government being bounded on the westward by a line drawn from Cape Sable across the entrance to the centre of the bay of Fundy ; on the northward by a line drawn along the centre of the said bay to the mouth of the Musquat river, by the said river to its source, and from thence by a due east line across the isthmus, into the bay of Verte ; on the eastward by the said bay and the gulph of St. Lawrence, to the cape or promontory called Cape Breton, in the island of that name, including the said island, (which we do hereby expressly direct and declare shall in future form part of Our said province of Nova Scotia), as well as including the before-mentioned island of Prince Edward (formerly St. John), and also including all other islands within six leagues of the coast ; and on the southward by the Atlantic Ocean, from the said cape to Cape Sable aforesaid, including the island of that name, and all other islands within forty leagues of the coast, with all the rights, members, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging : and We do hereby require and command you to do and execute all things in due manner that shall belong unto your said command, and the trust We have reposed in you, according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed you by this present commission, and the instructions herewith given you, or by such further powers, instructions and authorities as shall at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you under Our signet and sign manual, or by Our order in Our privy council, and according to such reasonable laws and statutes as are now in force, or shall hereafter be made and agreed upon by you, with the advice and consent of Our respective councils and assemblies of Our province of Nova Scotia and Our island of Prince Edward, under your government.

And We do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority, with the advice and consent of Our respective councils from time to time as need shall require, to summon and call general assemblies of the freeholders and planters within your government, in such manner and form as has been already appointed and used, or according to such further powers, instructions and authorities as shall at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you under Our signet and sign manual, 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 counties and places, and so returned, shall, before their sitting, take the oaths mentioned in the first recited Act of Parliament, altered as above, and also make and subscribe the afore-mentioned declaration, which oaths and declaration you shall commissionate fit persons, under Our seals of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island respectively, to tender and administer unto them ; and until the same shall be so taken and subscribed, 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 province of Nova Scotia, and of Our island of Prince Edward respectively ; and that you, the said George Earl of Dalhousie, with the advice and consent of Our said councils or assemblies, 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 province and island, and of the people and inhabitants thereof, and such others who shall resort thereunto, 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 local circumstances will admit, agreeable to the laws and statutes of this Our united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

N^o 8.—Extract of the Instructions to the Earl of Dalhousie, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia and the Island of Prince Edward, dated the 27th day of April 1820.

WITH these Our instructions you will receive Our commission, under Our great seal of Our united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting you Our captain general and governor in chief in and over Our province of Nova Scotia, (of which province We have, in our said commission, expressly directed and declared, that