

which any person might thereafter be elected to serve as a Member of the Assembly of Our said Island, and in manner aforesaid to determine the length of the period of residence which should be required, in addition to any other qualification, for voting at such elections, or for being elected to serve as a Member of the Assembly, and to restrain, in manner therein provided, appropriations of Monies to the Public Service by the said Assembly, and to require that all Elections of Members to serve in the said Assembly should be simultaneous: And Whereas so much as is hereinbefore recited of the said Act was made permanent by an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign, and entitled "An Act to make permanent certain parts of the Act for amending the Constitution of Newfoundland"; And Whereas by a Commission under the Great Seal aforesaid bearing date the Twenty-seventh day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two, and by Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet bearing date the First day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two, We did, in pursuance of the powers reserved to Us by the said first recited Act, make certain changes in the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, in respect of the qualifications of Members of the Assembly, and the period of residence necessary to qualify Electors for and Members of such Assembly, and in respect of holding Elections for such Assembly simultaneously, and in respect of restraining the appropriation of Public Funds by the said Assembly: and Whereas General Assemblies have been since elected and holden in and for the said Island under and by virtue of the said last-mentioned Commission and Instructions, and under and by virtue of other Commissions and Instructions from time to time issued by Us, and lastly of Our Commission and Instructions aforesaid, bearing date the Ninth day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Two: Now We do, in pursuance and in the exercise of the powers vested in Us by the said recited Acts, and other powers and authorities to Us in that behalf appertaining, by these Our Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet, direct that in relation to the summoning of such General Assemblies, you do follow the provisions of Our said recited Instructions, and of an Act of the Legislature of Newfoundland passed in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign, and intituled "An Act to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the Representation thereof."

Mode of summoning General Assemblies.

XVI.

Appointment of Returning Officers.

Governor to issue Writs.

And we do hereby authorise and empower you from time to time to nominate and appoint proper Persons to execute the Office of Returning Officer in each of the Electoral Districts of Our said Island; and you are, so soon as you shall see expedient, to issue Writs in Our Name, directed to the proper officers in each district, directing them to summon the Freeholders and Householdors thereof to proceed to the Election of Persons to represent them in the General Assembly, according to the Regulations and Directions hereinbefore contained in these Instructions, and such other Regulations and Directions as shall be signified by you in a Proclamation to be by you for that purpose issued, and according to the Laws of Our said Island now or hereafter to be in force in that behalf.

XVII.

The Assembly is hereby restrained from appropriating to the Public