

whatsoever due to any, payable at, or in the said Public Treasurers of the said Colonies in virtue of Laws passed within the same, and in no other Case whatsoever: It is Our Will and Pleasure, that you do in all Things conform yourself to the Provisions of the said recited Acts, both with respect to the not assenting to any Bills which may be presented to you for the Purpose of issuing or creating Paper Bills or Bills of Credit to be a legal Tender in Payment, and the assenting to any Bills, by which Certificates, Notes, or Debentures which may be voluntarily accepted in Payment of the Public Creditor shall be made a legal Tender to the Treasurer for Taxes, Duties, and other Payments to the Public Treasury.

Nineteenth. You shall not remit any Fines or Forfeitures whatsoever above the Sum of Ten Pounds, nor dispose of any Forfeitures whatsoever, until, upon signifying unto the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or Our High Treasurer for the Time being, the Nature of the Offence, and the Occasion of such Fines and Forfeitures, with the particular Sums or Value thereof, (which you are to do with all Speed,) you shall have received Our Directions thereon; but you may in the meantime suspend the Payment of the said Fines and Forfeitures.

Twentieth. And you are on every Occasion to transmit to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, with all convenient Speed, a particular Account of all new Establishments of Jurisdictions, Courts, Offices, and Officers, Powers, Authorities, Fees, and Privileges, granted and settled within Our said Province of Lower Canada, as likewise an Account of all the Expences (if any) attending the Establishment of the said Courts and Offices.

Twenty-first. It is Our further Will and Pleasure, that all Commissions to be granted by you to any Person or Persons to be Judge, Justice of the Peace, or other necessary Officer, be granted during Pleasure only.

Twenty-second. You are not to suspend any of the Members of Our said Executive Council, or to suspend or displace any of the Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, or other Officers or Ministers within Our said Province of Lower Canada, without good and sufficient Cause; and in case of such Suspension or Removal, you are forthwith to transmit your Reasons for the same to one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Twenty-third. And whereas frequent Complaints have been made of great Delays and undue Proceedings in the Courts of Justice in several of Our Plantations, whereby many of Our good Subjects have very much suffered; and it being of the greatest Importance to Our Service, and the Welfare of Our Plantations, that Justice be every where speedily and duly administered, and that all Disorders, Delays, and other undue Practices in the Administration thereof be effectually prevented; We do particularly require you to take especial Care that in all Courts where you are authorized to preside Justice be impartially administered, and that in all other Courts established within Our said Province all Judges and other Persons therein concerned do likewise perform their several Duties without Delay or Partiality.

Twenty-fourth. You are to take care that no Courts of Judicature be adjourned but upon good Grounds, as also that no Order of any Court of Judicature be entered or allowed which shall not be first read and approved of by the Justices in open Court, which Rule you are in like Manner to see observed with relation to all Proceedings of Our Executive Council of Lower Canada, and that all Orders there made be first read and approved in such Council before they are entered upon the Council Books.

Twenty-fifth. You are to take care that all Writs within Our said Province of Lower Canada be issued in Our Name.

Twenty-sixth. You shall take care, with the Advice and Assistance of Our Executive Council, that such Prisons as may at any Time be necessary be erected, and that the same or any other already erected be kept in such a Condition as may effectually secure the Prisoners which now are or may hereafter be confined therein.

Twenty-seventh. You shall not suffer any Person to execute more Offices than One by Deputy.

Twenty-eighth. You shall not by colour of any Power or Authority hereby or otherwise granted or mentioned to be granted unto you, take upon you to give, grant, or dispose of any Place of Office within Our said Province which now is or shall be granted under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, or to which