

and be One Colony, with the Name of British Columbia (which Union is in this Act referred to as the Union).

Government  
of the United  
Colony.

5. On the Union taking effect, the Form of Government existing in Vancouver Island as a separate Colony shall cease, and the Power and Authority of the Executive Government and of the Legislature existing in British Columbia shall extend to and over Vancouver Island; but in order that Provision may be made for the Representation of Vancouver Island in the Legislature of British Columbia after the Union, the maximum Number of Councillors in the Legislative Council of British Columbia after the Union shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, be *Twenty-three* instead of Fifteen. 5 10

Laws of the  
separate  
Colonies to  
continue  
except as to  
Customs.

6. After and notwithstanding the Union the Laws in force in the separate Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island respectively at the Time of the Union taking effect shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, remain in force as if this Act had not been passed or proclaimed; save only that the Laws relative to the Revenue of Customs in force in British Columbia at the Time of the Union taking effect shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, extend and apply to Vancouver Island; and, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, the Governor of British Columbia shall have, in relation to the Territory for the Time being under his Government, all the Powers and Authorities for the Time being vested, in relation to the United Kingdom, in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or in the Commissioners of Customs, with respect to the Appointment of Warehousing Ports, and the Approval and Appointment of Warehouses or Places of Security in such Ports, and everything consequent thereon or relative thereto. 15 20 25

Saving for  
Powers of  
Local Legis-  
lature, &c.

7. Nothing in this Act shall take away or restrict the Authority of the Governor of British Columbia, with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to make Laws for the Peace, Order, and good Government of British Columbia either before or after the Union; nor shall anything in this Act interfere with the Exercise of any Power that would have been exercisable by Her Majesty in Council if this Act had not been passed. 30 35

Boundaries  
of British  
Columbia  
until Union.

8. Until the Union British Columbia shall comprise all such Territories within the Dominions of Her Majesty as are bounded to the South by the Territories of the United States of America, to the West by the Pacific Ocean and the Frontier of the Russian Territories 40