

communicated to Our said Council, you may, in that case, suspend such Member, without such consent of the majority of the Council as aforesaid. But you are thereupon immediately to send Us, through One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, an account of your proceedings therein, together with your reasons at large for such Suspension, and also your reasons for not communicating the same to Our Council.

IX.

And Whereas effectual care ought to be taken to oblige the Members of Our said Council to a due attendance therein, and thereby to prevent the inconveniences that may happen from the want of a Quorum to transact business as occasion may require; it is Our Will and Pleasure that if any of the Members of Our said Council shall hereafter absent themselves from the said Island, and continue absent above the space of *Six Months* together, without leave from you, first obtained under your hand and Seal, or shall remain absent for the space of *One Year* successively, without leave given them under Our Royal Sign Manual and Signet, his or their Place or Places in the said Council shall immediately thereupon become void; and that if any of the Members of Our said Council, residing within Our said Island, shall hereafter absent themselves, when duly Summoned, without a sufficient cause, and shall persist in such absence after being thereof admonished by you, you are to suspend the said Councillors so absenting themselves until Our further Will and Pleasure therein be known, giving immediate notice thereof to Us, through One of Our Principal Secretaries of State. And We do hereby will and require that this Our Royal Pleasure be signified to the Members of Our said Council, and entered in the Council Book as a standing Rule.

Absence of
Members of
Council on
leave or
otherwise.