

9. And whereas by our aforesaid Commission you are authorized and empowered to summon and call General Assemblies of the freeholders within Our said Island and its dependencies as therein specified, in such manner and form and according to such powers, instructions and authorities as are granted or appointed by these our Instructions in that behalf, you are therefore, for the purpose of electing the members of such Assemblies, hereby authorized to issue a Proclamation declaring the number of representatives to be chosen by such freeholders to serve in the said General Assembly: and if you shall see fit, dividing our said Island and its dependencies into districts or counties, towns or townships, and declaring the number to be chosen by each of such districts or counties, towns or townships respectively.

And you are also hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of Returning Officer in the said Island, or in such districts or counties, towns or townships respectively; and you are, as soon as you shall see expedient, to issue Writs in Our name directed to the proper officers in the said Island, or the proper officers in such districts or counties, towns or townships respectively, directing them to summon the aforesaid freeholders to proceed to the election of persons to represent them in the General Assembly, according to the regulations and directions to be signified in the proclamation to be so issued by you as aforesaid.

10. You are to observe in the passing of all laws that the style of enacting the same be by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Our said Island and its dependencies.

11. And you shall not re-enact any laws to which the assent of Us or Our Royal predecessors has once been refused without express leave for that purpose first obtained from us upon a full representation by you to be made to Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State of the reason and necessity of re-enacting such law.

12. And it is Our express will and pleasure that no law be made to continue for less than two years, except only in cases where it may be necessary upon some unforeseen emergency to make provision by law for a service in its nature temporary and contingent.

13. You are also as much as possible to observe in the passing of all laws that each different matter be provided for by a different law, without intermixing in one and the same Acts such things as have no proper relation to each other; and you are more especially to take care that no clause or clauses be inserted in or annexed to any Act which shall be foreign to what the title of such respective Act imports, and that no perpetual clause be part of any temporary law.

14. It is Our will and pleasure that you do not give your assent to any bill or bills for raising money by the institution of any public or private lotteries.

15. It is Our will and pleasure that you do not on any pretence whatever give your assent to or pass any bill or bills in Our Island under your Government by which the lands, tenements, goods, chattels, rights, and credits of persons who have never resided within Our said Island shall be liable to be seized or taken in execution for the recovery of debts due from such persons otherwise than is allowed by law in cases of a like nature within our realm of England until you shall have first transmitted unto Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State the draft of such bill or bills, and shall have received Our Royal pleasure thereupon, unless you take care in the passing of such bill or bills that a clause or clauses be inserted therein suspending and deferring the execution thereof until Our will and pleasure shall be known thereupon.

16. It is Our further will and pleasure that you do not upon any pretence whatsoever give your assent to any bill or bills that may have been or shall hereafter be passed by the Council and Assembly of the Island under your Government for the Naturalization of Aliens, nor for the Divorce of persons joined together in holy matrimony, nor for establishing a title in any person to lands, tenements, and real estates in Our said Island originally granted to or purchased by aliens to naturalization.

17. Whereas great mischiefs have arisen by the frequent passing of bills of an unusual and extraordinary nature and importance in our plantations, which bills remain in force there from the time of enacting until Our pleasure be signified to the contrary: We do hereby will and require you not to pass or give your assent to any bill or bills passed in the Assembly of an unusual and extraordinary nature and importance whereby Our prerogative or the property of Our subjects may be prejudiced; nor to any bill or bills whereby the trade or shipping of this Kingdom shall be in anywise affected, until

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