

BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

subjects residing in our said Colony and its Dependencies, and other persons, subject to the rules and regulations which are or shall be in that respect prescribed to you by Our Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet accompanying Our said Commission, or by any future Instructions as aforesaid: Now We do prescribe to you the following rules and regulations for your guidance:

VI. You are to observe, in making laws, that the style of enacting the same be by the Governor of British Columbia.

VII. You are, 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 law 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 law which shall be foreign to what the title of such law imports, and that no perpetual clause be part of any temporary law, and that no law whatever be suspended, altered, continued, revived, or repealed by general words, but that the title and date of such law so suspended, altered, continued, revived, or repealed be particularly mentioned and expressed in the enacting part.

VIII. You are not to make any law whereby any person may be impeded in establishing the worship of Almighty God in a peaceable and orderly manner, although such worship may not be conducted according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England;

IX. Nor any law for the divorce of persons joined together in holy matrimony;

X. Nor any law for granting land or money or other donation to yourself;

XI. Nor any law for making any paper or other currency a legal tender, except the coin of the realm, or other gold or silver coin;

XII. Nor any law for raising money by the institution of public or private lotteries;

XIII. Nor any private law whereby the property of any individual may be affected, in which there is not a saving of the rights of Us, Our heirs and successors, and of all bodies politic or corporate, and of all other persons, excepting those at whose instance or for whose especial benefit such law may be enacted, and those claiming by, from, through, and under them;

XIV. Nor any law for imposing differential duties;

XV. Nor any law the provisions of which shall appear inconsistent with obligations imposed upon us by treaty;

XVI. Nor any law interfering with the discipline of our Land or Sea Forces in the Colony;

XVII. Nor any law that shall purport to be enacted for less than one year;

XVIII. Nor any law, of an extraordinary nature and importance, whereby Our Prerogative, or the rights and property of Our subjects residing in Our said Colony, or the trade and shipping of Our United Kingdom and its Dependencies, may be prejudiced;

XIX. Nor any law containing provisions to which Our assent has been once refused, or which have been disallowed by Us.

XX. You are to take care that all Writs be issued in Our name throughout Our said Colony under your Government.

XXI. You are to take especial care to regulate all salaries and fees belonging to places, or paid upon emergencies, that they be within the bounds of moderation, and that no extortion be made on any occasion whatsoever, as also that tables of all fees be publicly hung up in all places where such fees are to be paid; and you are to transmit copies of all such tables of fees to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

XXII. It is Our will and pleasure that you do in all things conform yourself to the provisions contained in an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to prevent paper bills of credit hereafter to be issued in any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America from being declared to be a legal tender in payment of money, and to prevent the legal tender of such bills as are now subsisting from being prolonged beyond the periods limited for recalling in and sinking the same," and also of an Act passed in the thirteenth year of the reign of His late Majesty, to explain and amend the above-recited Act passed in the fourth year of his reign as aforesaid; and you are not to give your assent to or pass any law whereby bills of credit may be struck or issued in lieu of money, or for payment of money, either to you, Our Governor, or to any person whatsoever, unless a clause be inserted in such law declaring that the same shall not take effect until the said law shall have been approved and confirmed by Us, Our heirs or successors.

XXIII. You shall not, by colour of any power or authority hereby or otherwise granted or mentioned to be granted to you, take upon you to give, grant, or dispose of