
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

XIV.

And whereas by Proclamation bearing date the Twenty-sixth day of July, in the Third year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, the said Island was divided into Nine Districts, for the purpose of the Election of the Members of the Assembly of the said Island ; We do hereby authorize and empower you, from time to time, to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the Office of Returning Officer in each of the said Districts ; and you are, so soon as you shall see expedient, to issue Writs in Our Name, directed to the proper Officers in each District, directing them to summon the Freeholders and Household-ers thereof, to proceed to the Election of persons to represent them in the General Assembly, according to the regulations and directions hereinbefore contained in these Instructions, and such other regulations and directions as shall be signified by you in the Proclamation to be issued by you as aforesaid, and according to the laws of Our said Island now in force or hereafter to be in force, in that behalf.

XV.

You are to observe in the passing of all laws, that the style of enacting the same be by the Governor, Council, and Assembly.

XVI.

You are not to give your assent to any Law or Laws to be passed, by which the number of the Assembly shall be enlarged or diminished, the duration ascertained, the qualifications of the Electors or Elected fixed or allowed, or by which any regulations shall be established with respect thereto, until you shall have first transmitted to 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.

XVII.

And you shall not re-enact any Law 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 reasons and necessity for re-enacting such Law.

XVIII.

No Law for constituting any Court or Courts of Judicature, or for establishing the Militia, shall be a temporary Law, and no Law for granting unto Us any Sum or Sums of Money by duties of Import, Tonnage, or Excise, shall be made to continue for less than one whole year ; nor shall any other Laws whatsoever 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.