

further, that you take the oath required to be taken by Governors of Plantations, to do their utmost that the several Laws relating to Trade and the Plantations be observed, all which said Oaths and Declarations Our Council in Our said Province, or any five of the members thereof have hereby full power and authority and are required to tender and administer unto you, and in your absence to Our Lieutenant-Governor if there be any upon the place: All which being duly performed, you shall administer unto each of the members of Our said Council, as also to Our Lieutenant-Governor, if there be any upon the place, the said Oaths mentioned in the first recited Act of Parliament altered as above, as also cause them to make and subscribe the above-mentioned declaration, and to administer to them the Oath for the due execution of their places and trusts. And We do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority to suspend any of the members of Our said Council from sitting, voting and assisting therein, if you shall find just cause for so doing; and if it shall at any time happen that by the death, departure out of Our said Province, suspension of any of Our said Councillors, or otherwise, there shall be a vacancy in Our said Council (any five whereof We do hereby appoint to be a Quorum) Our will and pleasure is that you signify the same unto Us by the first opportunity, that we may, under Our Signet and Sign Manual, constitute and appoint others in their stead. But that Our affairs at that distance may not suffer for want of a due number of Councillors, if ever it shall happen that there be less than nine of them residing in Our said Province, We do hereby give and grant unto you, the said Thomas Carleton, full power and authority to choose as many persons out of the principal freeholders inhabitants thereof as shall make up the full number of our said Council to be nine and no more, which persons so chosen and appointed by you shall be, to all intents and purposes, Councillors in our said Province, until either they shall be confirmed by us, or that by the nomination of others by us under our Sign Manual and Signet Our said Council shall have nine or more persons in it. And We do hereby give and grant unto you, the said Thomas Carleton, full power and authority, with the advice and consent of Our said Council to be appointed as aforesaid, so soon as the situation and circumstances of Our Province under your Government will admit thereof, and when, and as often as need shall require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Settlers in the Province under your Government, in such manner and according to such further powers, instructions, and authorities, as shall at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you under Our Signet and Sign Manual, or by Our order in Our Privy Council. And Our will and pleasure is that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the Freeholders of the respective Counties and places, and so returned, shall, before their sitting, take the Oaths mentioned in the first recited Act of Parliament altered as above, and also make and subscribe the afore-mentioned declaration; which Oaths and declarations you shall commissionate fit persons, under Our Seal of New Brunswick to tender and administer unto them; and until the same shall be so taken and subscribed, no person shall be capable of sitting, though elected. And We do hereby declare, that the persons so elected and qualified shall be called and deemed The General Assembly of that Our Province of New Brunswick. And that you, the said Thomas Carleton, with the advice and consent of Our said Council and Assembly, or the major part of them respectively, shall have full power and authority to make, constitute and ordain, laws, statutes and ordinances for the public peace, welfare and good government of Our said Province and of the people and inhabitants thereof, and such others as shall resort thereto, and for the benefit of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, which said Laws, Statutes and Ordinances are not to be repugnant, but as near as may be to the Laws and Statutes of this Our Kingdom of Great Britain. Provided that all such Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, of what nature or duration soever, be, within three months or sooner after the making thereof, transmitted to Us under Our Seal of New Brunswick, for Our approbation or disallowance of the same, as also duplicates thereof by the next conveyance. And, in case any or all of the said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances not before confirmed by Us, shall at any time be disallowed and not approved, and so signified by Us, Our Heirs or Successors, under Our or their Sign Manual