

you the said John George Earl of Durham full Power and Authority to choose as many Persons out of the principal Freeholders, Inhabitants of Our said Province of New Brunswick, as shall be necessary to supply any Vacancy or Vacancies which may from Time to Time occur in the said Councils or either of them, which Persons so chosen and appointed by you shall be to all Intents and Purposes Councillors in Our said Province until their Appointments shall either be confirmed or disallowed by Us :

And We do hereby give and grant unto you the said John George Earl of Durham full Power and Authority, with the Advice and Consent of Our said Executive Council, from Time to Time as Need shall require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Settlers in the said Province under your Government in such Manner and Form as has been already appointed and used, or according to such further Powers, Instructions, and Authorities as shall at any Time hereafter be granted or appointed you under Our Sign Manual and Signet, 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 Countries and Places, and so returned, shall before their sitting take such of the Oaths mentioned in the said several Acts as shall be applicable to the Case of the Individual taking the same, which Oaths you shall commission fit Persons, under Our Seal of Our Province of New Brunswick, to tender and administer unto them, and until the same shall have been so taken 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 Our Province of New Brunswick ; and that you the said John George Earl of Durham, with the Advice and Consent of Our said Legislative 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 local Circumstances will admit, may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland ; 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 the Public Seal of Our said Province, 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 and Successors, under Our or Their Sign Manual and Signet, or by Order of Our or Their Privy Council, unto you the said John George Earl of Durham, then such and so many of the said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances as shall be so disallowed and not approved shall from thenceforth cease, determine, and become utterly void and of none effect, any thing to the contrary thereof notwithstanding :

And to the end that nothing may be passed or done by Our said Legislative Council or Assembly to the Prejudice of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We will and ordain, that you the said John George Earl of Durham shall have and enjoy a negative Voice in making and passing all Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances as aforesaid ; and you shall and may likewise from Time to Time as you shall judge it necessary adjourn, prorogue, and dissolve all General Assemblies as aforesaid : And We do hereby authorize and empower you to keep and use the Public Seal for sealing all Things whatsoever that shall pass the Public Seal of Our said Province :

And We do hereby give and grant unto you full Power and Authority, when you shall see Cause, or shall judge any Offender or Offenders in Criminal Matters, or for any Fines or Forfeitures due unto Us, fit Objects of Our Mercy, to pardon all such Offenders, and to remit all such Offences, Fines, and Forfeitures : And We do by these Presents give and grant unto you the said John George Earl of Durham full Power and Authority, without expecting any further especial Warrant from Us, from Time to Time to give Order and Warrant for the preparing of Grants of the Custodies of Idiots and Lunatics, and their Estates, as are or shall be found by Inquisition thereof taken