

or whereby Duties shall be laid upon British or Irish Shipping, or upon the Produce or Manufactures of Great Britain and Ireland.

Fifteenth. And whereas Laws have formerly been enacted in several of Our Plantations in America for so short a Time that Our Royal Assent or Refusal thereof could not be had before the Time for which such Laws were enacted did expire; you shall not assent in Our Name to any Law that shall be enacted for a less Time than Two Years, except in Cases of imminent Necessity or immediate temporary Expediency; and you shall not declare Our Assent to any Law containing Provisions which shall have been disallowed by Us, 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, for the Reasons and Necessity of passing such Law.

Sixteenth. Whereas it has been thought fit by an Order of Council to disallow certain Laws passed in some of Our Colonies and Plantations in America for conferring the Privileges of Naturalization on Persons being Aliens, and for divorcing Persons who have been legally joined together in holy Marriage: And whereas Acts have been passed in others of Our said Colonies to enable Persons who are Our liege Subjects by Birth or Naturalization to hold and inherit Lands, Tenements, and Real Estates, although such Lands, Tenements, and Real Estates had been originally granted to or purchased by Aliens antecedent to Naturalization; it is Our Will and Pleasure, that you do not upon any Pretence whatsoever give your Assent to any Bill or Bills that may hereafter be passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province under your Government for the Naturalization of Aliens, and for the Divorce of Persons joined together in holy Marriage, nor for establishing a Title in any Person to Lands, Tenements, and Real Estates in Our said Province originally granted to or purchased by Aliens antecedent to Naturalization.

Seventeenth. You are to give Warrants under your Hand for the issuing of Public Monies for all Public Services; and We do particularly require you to take care that regular Accounts of all Receipts and Payments of Public Monies be duly kept; that the same from Time to Time be audited by Our Executive Council; and that Copies thereof, attested by you, be transmitted every Half Year, or oftener if there should be Occasion, to Our Commissioners of Our Treasury or to Our High Treasurer for the Time being, and Duplicates thereof by the next Conveyance, in which Accounts shall be specified every particular Sum raised or disposed of, to the end that We may take such Measures as We may deem necessary for the due Examination of the said Accounts, and that We may be satisfied of the right and due Application of the Revenues of Our said Province of Lower Canada, and with the Probability of the Increase or Diminution of it under every Head and Article thereof.

Eighteenth. Whereas by an Act of Parliament of Great Britain passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Our dearest Father, 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 calling in and sinking the same," it is enacted, that no Paper Bill or Bills of Credit should be created or issued by any Act, Order, or Resolution or Vote of Assembly in any of Our Colonies or Plantations in America to be a legal Tender in Payment; and that any such Act, Order, Resolution, or Vote for creating or issuing such Paper Bill or Bills of Credit, or for prolonging the legal Tender of any such then subsisting and current in any of the said Colonies or Plantations, should be null and void: And whereas by another Act of the said Parliament passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our dearest Father, His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to explain and amend the above-recited Act passed in the Fourth Year of Our Reign as aforesaid," it is enacted, that any Certificates, Notes, Bills, or Debentures which shall or may be voluntarily accepted by the Creditors of the Public within any of the Colonies in America, as a Security for the Payment of what is due and owing to the said Public Creditors, may be made and enacted by the General Assemblies of the said Colonies respectively to be a Tender of the Public Treasurers in the said Colonies for the Discharge of any Duties, Taxes, or other Debts whatsoever