

BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

Commission provided for, We do hereby allow you to take orders for the present therein, giving unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, speedy notice thereof, that so you may receive Our ratification, if We shall approve of the same: Provided always, that you do not, under colour of any power or authority hereby given to you, commence or declare war without Our knowledge, and particular commands therein first obtained for so doing from Us, under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council.

XXXII. And you are upon all occasions to send to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, a particular account of all your proceedings, and of the condition of affairs within your Government.

XXXIII. And whereas We have thought fit, by Our Commission, to direct that in case of your death, incapacity, removal, or absence, and there be at that time no person within Our said Colony commissioned or appointed by Us to be Lieutenant-Governor, or specially appointed by Us to administer the Government of Our said Colony and its Dependencies, a person to be for that purpose appointed by yourself shall take upon him the administration of the said Government, with all the powers and authorities vested in you; it is nevertheless Our express will and pleasure that in such case the person so administering the Government under your Warrant shall forbear to make any laws but what are immediately necessary for the peace and welfare of Our said Colony and its Dependencies without Our particular order for that purpose, and that he shall not take upon him to remove or suspend any of the Judges, Justices of the Peace, or other officer, civil or military, without good and sufficient reasons, of which he shall forthwith transmit an account to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

XXXIV. And whereas great prejudice might happen to Our Service and to the security of Our said Colony by your prolonged absence therefrom, you shall not upon any pretence whatever quit Our said Colony, without first having obtained Our leave for so doing under Our Sign Manual, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, excepting for the purpose of visiting Our Island of Vancouver:

AN ORDER of the QUEEN in Council empowering the Governor of BRITISH COLUMBIA to make Laws, and to provide for the Administration of Justice in the said Colony.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 2nd day of September 1858.

PRESENT:

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the twenty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," it is declared lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by Her from time to time made, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make, ordain, and establish, and (subject to such conditions as to Her shall seem meet) to authorize and empower such officer as She may from time to time appoint to administer the Government of British Columbia to make provision for the administration of justice therein, and generally to make, ordain, and establish all such laws, institutions, and ordinances as may be necessary for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects and others therein: Provided that all such Orders in Council, and all laws and ordinances so to be made as aforesaid, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as conveniently may be after the making and enactment thereof respectively; provided also, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, so soon as She may deem it convenient, by any such Order in Council as aforesaid, to constitute, or to authorize and empower such officer to constitute, a Legislature, to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of British Columbia, such Legislature to consist of the Governor and a Council, or Council and Assembly, to be composed of such and so many persons, and to be appointed or elected in such manner, and for such periods, and subject to such regulations, as to Her Majesty may seem expedient:

Governor empowered to make laws.

Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and doth hereby order, authorize, empower, and command the Governor, or the officer for the time being administering the Government of the said Colony of British Columbia, to make provision for the administration of justice; and, further, by Proclamation or Proclamations to be