
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

in Our Plantations to Private Ships of War, you are to govern yourself, whenever there shall be occasion, according to the Commissions and Instructions granted in this Kingdom; but you are not to grant Commissions of Marque or Reprisal against any Prince or State, or their Subjects, in amity with Us. to any person whatsoever, without Our especial Commands.

XLVIII.

And Whereas by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the Seventeenth day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine, in the Third year of Our Reign, We did erect, found, ordain, make and constitute the Island of Newfoundland to be a Bishop's See, and to be called from henceforth the Bishopric of Newfoundland: It is Our Will and Pleasure that in the administration of the Government of the said Island, you should be aiding and assisting to the said Bishop and to his Commissary or Commissaries, in execution of this charge, and in the exercise of his Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, excepting only the granting Licenses of Marriages and the Probates of Wills.

XLIX.

We do enjoin and require that you take especial care that ALMIGHTY GOD be devoutly and truly served throughout your Government, that the Book of Common Prayer as by Law established be read each Sunday and Holiday, and the Blessed Sacrament administered according to the rites of the Church of England; and in the matters relating to the celebration of Divine Worship, you are to advise with the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland for the time being.

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Upon the vacancy of any Ecclesiastical Benefice in Our said Island and its Dependencies, you will present to the said Bishop of Newfoundland for the time being, for institution to such vacant Benefice, any Clerk in Holy Orders of the United Church of England and Ireland, who shall have been actually resident within the said Diocese and officiating there as a Clerk in Holy Orders, for Six Calendar Months at the least next before such Benefice shall have become vacant, whom the said Bishop may certify to you to be a fit and proper person to fill such vacancy, and to be a person of good life and conversation, and conformable to the doctrine and discipline of the said United Church; but if at the time of any such vacancy occurring, there shall not be resident within the said Diocese, any Clerk in Holy Orders of the said United Church, who shall have been resident and officiating therein as aforesaid, in whose favour the said Bishop shall think proper so to certify to you, or if no such Certificate shall be received by you from the said Bishop within Three Calendar Months next after such vacancy shall occur; then, and in either of such cases, you shall forthwith report the circumstance to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, to the intent that We may nominate some fit and proper person, being a Clerk in Holy Orders as aforesaid, to fill the said vacancy; and We do enjoin and command