
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

by the said first recited Act, make certain changes in the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, in respect of the qualifications of Members of the Assembly, and the period of residence necessary to qualify Electors for and Members of such Assembly, and in respect of holding Elections for such Assembly simultaneously, and limiting the duration thereof, and in respect of restraining the appropriation of public funds by the said Assembly: And whereas General Assemblies have been since elected and holden in and for the said Island under and by virtue of the said last mentioned Commission and Instructions, and under and by virtue of other Commissions and Instructions from time to time issued by Us. And whereas by the heretofore recited Act passed in the Eleventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled "An Act to render permanent certain parts of the Act for amending the Constitution of Newfoundland," so much of the said Act as is therein and herein recited was rendered permanent. And whereas by a certain other Commission under the Great Seal aforesaid, bearing even date with these presents, we have nominated and appointed Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and have required and commanded him to do and execute all things in due manner that shall belong to his said Command, and to the trust thereby reposed in him, according to the several powers and directions granted or appointed in and by these Our Instructions, or otherwise as in the said Commission provided. Now, by these Our Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual, We do, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in Us by the said recited Acts, declare Our pleasure in respect of the premises to be as follows:—The qualification for all persons to be hereafter elected to serve as Members of the Assembly of Newfoundland, shall be fixed at a nett annual income arising from any source whatever, of One Hundred Pounds, or the possession of property clear of all encumbrances exceeding Five Hundred Pounds in amount or value.

XI.

The length of the period of residence within any Electoral District in the said Island which shall be required in addition to any other qualification for voting at Elections for the General Assembly within such District, or for being elected thereto, shall be the period of Two years next preceding such election.

XII.

The Assembly is hereby restrained from appropriating to the public service within the said Island any part of the public Revenue thereof in cases where such services shall not have been previously recommended, or such grants of money shall not have been previously asked by Us or on Our behalf.

XIII.

All Elections of Members to serve in the said Assembly shall be simultaneous, and shall be completed within the period of Ten days from the day of the receipt by the Returning Officer of each District of the Writ authorising such Election: and the Polling at every such Election shall be completed within Eight successive hours next immediately following the commencement of each Polling.