

lowed by the said leave, shall have the same effect.

the said council before his departure from the said province, shall be absent from the said province for the space of one whole year beyond the time allowed by such leave of absence, his said office of counsellor to the King's Majesty for the said province shall thereupon cease and become vacant at the expiration of the said year beyond the time allowed in his said leave of absence, in the same manner as if he had at first gone out of the said province without any leave of absence from the Governour thereof, and had continued to be absent from the same for more than a whole year.

Three years absence from the province, (even with the Governour's leave for the whole time) shall have the same effect of depriving a member of the said council of his office of a counsellor.

And no leave of absence from the said province given by the Governour, or Lieutenant-governour, or commander in chief, of the same, (though it shall have been given in writing, and entered among the records of the said council, as is above directed) shall enable any member of the said council to retain his said office of counsellor of the said province during more than three years absence from the same: but at the end of the said three years his said office of counsellor shall cease and become vacant, and he shall be incapable of sitting and voting in the said council without a new appointment to the said office of a counsellor of the said province.

Where the council of the said province shall not act as a legislative council, but only as a council of advice and assistance to the Governour, it shall be sufficient to summon only twelve of them the day before they meet: and seven members shall be a sufficient number to do business.

X. PROVIDED always, and IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED, that in all other matters, not relating to the making, or passing, any laws, statutes, or ordinances, for the said province, but to the advising and assisting the Governour, or Lieutenant-governour, or commander in chief, thereof in the execution of those parts of the commission of Captain-general and Governour in chief of the said province in which the said Governour is directed to act with the advice and assistance of the council of the same, it shall not be necessary for the Governour of the said province, or, in his absence, for the Lieutenant-governour, or commander in chief, of the same, for the time being, to summon the whole legislative council above-mentioned by a proclamation published in the Quebec gazette fourteen days before the time appointed for the meeting thereof, in the manner above directed: but it shall be sufficient for the said Governour, or Lieutenant-governour, or commander in chief, of the said province for the time being, to send particular summonies in writing to the several members of the said council who live in the town in which the said council is to be assembled, or within the distance of two miles from it, or, (if there are more than twelve of the members of the said council resident in the said town, or within the said distance of it,)