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You are to repair to Our other provinces under Your Government, and the Islands of Saint John and Cape Breton, and take upon Yourself the Command and Government thereof, whenever You shall Judge it expedient so to do; for this purpose, You are to direct the Lieutenant Governors of Our said Provinces and Islands, to correspond with you by every Opportunity, and to inform you of the actual state thereof. that if necessary, You may by taking upon yourself the command as aforesaid, adopt such measures, and make such regulations, consistent with Our Instructions, as will effectually promote Our service, and tend to the Interest, Welfare, and Security, of Our Subjects; Informing us thro one of Our principal Secretaries of State by the first opportunity of what you have done upon such occasions, together with every circumstance attending the same, that Our pleasure thereupon may be signified to You

3^d And whereas applications have been made to Us by divers of Our Loving Subjects Inhabitants of Our Province of Quebec, that some alterations may be made in the present Constitution of Our said Province as established by the Act passed in the fourteenth Year of Our Reign Intituled an Act &c And at the same time it has been represented to Us that the most considerable Number of Our Loyal Subjects therein do not wish that any Innovation or alteration in the present Constitution should take place. It is therefore Our Will and pleasure that as soon after your arrival in our said Province as possible, you do endeavor to obtain the most full and authentick information of the real sentiments of the Inhabitants in that respect; and if from such information it shall appear to You, that it may be necessary in any instance, to depart from the present established System of Government, as settled by the aforesaid Act, You are to state the same with all possible precision, and point out what in your Opinion, the present situation of the Province, or the general wishes of our subjects may with propriety and good policy require to be done therein; and you are to communicate the same to us thro one of Our principal Secretaries of State for Our consideration

4th You are to obtain as soon as possible, an account of the actual Number of Our Subjects residing in Our said Province, distinguishing the Old from the New Inhabitants, and again distinguishing those who have retired from the Province, now the United States of America, and those who have been in Our Service during the late War, and whose Corps have been reduced; and you are also to Obtain the most authentick Information, whether any of the Nations of Indians in alliance and Friendship with Us, continue to reside within the Territories of the United States of America, and the Boundaries thereof, as settled by the Treaty of Peace; and whether those Indians, or any others within Our Territories, are supplied with goods from the subjects of the said United States, or have any commercial or other Intercourse with them; and You are to transmit the same to Us thro one of our Principal secretaries of State as before directed, together with any Information, or proposition, by which you may think, proper and