

taxes and to regulate the affairs of the island, and to modify its institutions, subject to the usual control of the Crown.

The Crown has already power, under the 1st and 2nd Geo. IV., c. 66, to appoint Courts of Justice and Justices of the Peace in the Indian territories, of which Vancouver's Island forms a part; but as the jurisdiction of such Courts was, by the 12th section of that Act, limited in civil cases to causes not involving more than £200 in value, and in criminal cases to such as are not capital or transportable (all of which were to be tried in Canada), an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament by which those restrictions were entirely removed.

Richard Blanshard, Esq., has been appointed Governor.

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### CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT.

Now know ye, that We, being moved by the reasons before-mentioned, do by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, give, grant, and confirm unto the said Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, and their successors, all that the said island called Vancouver's Island, together with all royalties of the seas upon the coasts within the limits aforesaid, and all mines royal thereto belonging:

And further we do, by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, make, create, and constitute, the said Governor and Company for the time being, and their successors, the true and absolute lords and proprietors of the same territories, limits, and places, and of all other the premises (saving always the faith, allegiance, and sovereign dominion due to us, our heirs and successors for the same), to have, hold, and possess and enjoy the said territory, limits, and places, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted as aforesaid, with their and every of their rights, members, royalties, and appurtenances whatsoever, to them, the said Governor and Company, and their successors for ever, to be holden of us, our heirs, and successors, in free and common soccage, at the yearly rent of 7s., payable to us and our successors for ever, on the 1st day of January in every year:

Provided always, and we declare, That this present grant is made to the intent that the said Governor and Company shall establish upon the said island a settlement or settlements of resident