



INSTRUCTIONS TO MR. BLANCHARD,  
GOVERNOR OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.

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INSTRUCTIONS to Our trusty and well-beloved RICHARD BLANCHARD, Esq., Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Island of Vancouver and its Dependencies, or, in his absence, to Our Lieutenant-Governor or Officer administering the Government of Our said Island and its Dependencies for the time being.

Given at Our Court at \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 1849, in the thirteenth year of Our  
Reign.

1. With these Our Instructions you will receive Our Commission under Our Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland constituting you to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Island of Vancouver and its Dependencies. You are, therefore, with all convenient speed to assume and enter upon the execution of the trust We have reposed in you.

2. And you are, with all due and usual solemnity, to cause Our said Commission constituting you Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief as aforesaid, to be read and published, after which you are to take the oaths appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the first year of the reign of King George the First, intituled "An Act for the further security of His Majesty's Person and Government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors," as altered and explained by an Act passed in the 6th year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled "An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration and the Assurance," and for amending so much of an Act of the seventh year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled "An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms as after the time therein limited requires the delivery of certain lists and copies therein mentioned to persons indicted of High Treason or Misprision of Treason," or in lieu thereof the Oaths required to be taken by an Act passed in the tenth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects," according as the said former Acts or the said last-mentioned shall be applicable to your case; and likewise that you take the usual oath for the due execution of the office and trust of Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said islands and territories, and for the due and impartial administration of Justice; and further that you take the oaths required to be taken by Governors of Plantations, to do their utmost that the several laws relating to trade and the plantations be duly observed, which oaths Our Council of Our said Island and its Dependencies, or any three of the Members thereof, have hereby full power and authority and are required to tender and administer unto you; and, in your absence, to Our Lieutenant-Governor, if there be one on the place, all which being duly performed, you will administer to each of the Members of Our said Council the Oath of Allegiance.

3. You are by yourself, or by any other person to be authorized by you in that behalf, to administer and to give to all and every such persons as you shall think fit who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit, or who shall at any time or times pass into our said Island or be resident therein, the said Oath of Allegiance, save only in cases wherein any other oath or oaths is or are prescribed by the Statutes in that