

any office or place within Our said Colony and its Dependencies, which now is or shall be granted under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, or to which any person is or shall be appointed by Warrant under Our Sign Manual and Signet, any further than you may, upon the vacancy of any such office or place, or upon the suspension of any such officer by you, select and nominate any fit person to officiate in the interim, till you shall have represented the matter to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, which you are to do by the first opportunity, and have received Our further directions therein.

XXIV. You are to transmit unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, with all convenient speed, a particular account of all establishments of jurisdictions, courts, offices and officers, powers, authorities, fees, and privileges, granted and settled, or which shall be granted and settled, within Our said Colony and its Dependencies, as likewise an account of all the expenses attending the establishments of the said Courts, and of such funds as are settled and appropriated to discharge the same.

XXV. And whereas We have by Our said Commission authorized you, upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend from the exercise of his office within Our said Colony and its Dependencies any person exercising the same under and by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted or to be granted by Us or in Our name or under Our authority: Now We do charge and require you that, before proceeding to any such suspension, you do signify, by a statement in writing to the person so to be suspended, the grounds of such your intended proceeding against him, and that you do call upon such person to communicate to you in writing a statement of the grounds upon which he may be desirous to exculpate himself, and if, after having considered such statement and exculpation, you should persist in such suspension, you are to transmit the said statement and exculpation to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, by the earliest conveyance; but if in any case the interests of Our Service shall appear to you to demand that a person shall cease to exercise the powers and functions of his office instantly, or before there shall be time to take the proceedings herein-before directed, you shall then interdict such person from the exercise of his powers and functions, preserving to him, however, until such proceedings shall have been taken, the emoluments and advantages of his office.

XXVI. And whereas We have by Our said Commission given and granted unto you full power and authority, as you shall see occasion, in Our name and on Our behalf, to grant to any offender convicted of any crime in any court, or before any Judge, Justice, or Magistrate within our said Colony, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any respite of the sentence of any such offender for such period as to you may seem fit: Now We do hereby require and enjoin you to call upon the Judge presiding at the trial of any such offender, who may from time to time be condemned to suffer death by any sentence of any Court within Our said Colony, to make to you a written report of the case of such offender, and specially to attend you thereupon, and such report of the said Judge shall by you be taken into consideration, and you shall not pardon or relieve any such offender as aforesaid unless it shall appear to you expedient so to do, but in all such cases you are to decide either to extend or to withhold a pardon or relieve, according to your own deliberate judgment.

XXVII. And whereas there have been great irregularities in the manner of granting Commissions to private ships of war, you are to govern yourself, whenever there shall be occasion, according to the Commission and Instructions granted in this kingdom; but you are not to grant Commissions of marque or reprisal against any Prince or State, or their subjects, in amity with Us, to any person whatsoever, without Our special command.

XXVIII. We do enjoin and require that you do take especial care that Almighty God be devoutly and truly served throughout your Government, and that you will duly exercise the powers herein confided to you for the encouragement of Religion and morality, so far as consistent with established law.

XXIX. It is Our further will and pleasure that you do give your most serious attention to the consideration and appliance of all proper methods for the erecting and maintaining schools, in order to the training up of youth to reading and to a necessary knowledge of the principles of Religion.

XXX. You shall from time to time give unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, an account of the wants and defects of Our said Colony and its Dependencies, what are the chief products thereof, what improvements have been lately made, and what further improvements you conceive may be made, or advantages gained by trade, and in what way We may contribute thereunto.

XXXI. If anything shall happen which may be of advantage or security to Our Colony and its Dependencies under your Government which is not herein or by Our