
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

and Officers, Powers, Authorities, Fees, and Privileges, granted and settled, or which shall be granted and settled within Our said Island and its Dependencies, as likewise an account of all the expenses attending the establishment of the said Courts, and of such funds as are settled and appropriated to discharge the same.

XLIII.

And whereas complaints have been made by the Officers of Our Customs in Our Plantations in America, that they have been frequently obliged to serve on Juries and personally to appear in Arms whenever the Militia is drawn out, and thereby are much hindered in the execution of their employments ; Our Will and Pleasure is, that you take effectual care and give the necessary directions that the several Officers of Our Customs be excused and exempted from serving on Juries or personally appearing in Arms in the Militia, unless in case of absolute necessity, or serving any Parochial Offices which may hinder them in the execution of their duties.

XLIV.

You shall not dispose of forfeitures or escheats to any persons, until the Provost Marshal or other proper Officer have made inquiries by a Jury upon their Oaths, into the true nature thereof, nor until you shall have transmitted to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, a particular account of such forfeitures and escheats, and the value thereof, and shall have received Our directions thereupon ; and you are to take care that the produce of the forfeitures and escheats, in case We shall think proper to give you directions to dispose of the same, be duly paid by the Receiver of Our Casual Revenue, and that a full account thereof be transmitted to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, with the names of the persons to whom disposed of.

XLV.

Whereas you will receive from Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral, a Commission constituting you Vice Admiral of Our said Island ; you are hereby required and directed carefully to put in execution the several powers thereby granted to you.

XLVI.

And whereas Commissions have been granted in Our said Colonies and Plantations for trying Pirates in those parts, pursuant to the Acts for the more effectual suppression of Piracy ; Our Will and Pleasure is, that in all matters relating to Pirates, you govern yourself according to the intent of the Acts before mentioned, and any Commission which may have been received, or which you may receive in reference thereto.

XLVII.

And whereas there have been great irregularities in the manner of granting Commissions