

Bills for the Naturalization of Aliens—Divorce Bills, &c,

tence whatsoever, give your assent to any Bill or Bills that may have been, or shall hereafter be passed by the Council and Assembly of the Island under your Government for the Divorce of Persons joined together in Holy Matrimony, nor for establishing a title in any person to lands, tenements, and real estates in Our Island and its Dependencies, originally granted to or purchased by Aliens antecedent to naturalization.

XXIV.

Bills of an unusual and extraordinary nature.

Whereas great mischiefs may arise by the frequent passing of Bills of an unusual and extraordinary nature and importance, in the Plantations, which Bills remain in force there from the time of enacting until Our Pleasure be signified to the contrary ; We do hereby will and require you not to pass or give your assent to any Bill or Bills passed in the Assembly, of an unusual and extraordinary nature and importance, whereby Our Prerogative or the Property of Our Subjects may be prejudiced, nor to any Bill or Bills whereby the Trade or Shipping of this Kingdom shall be in anywise affected, until you shall have first transmitted unto Us, through one of Our principal Secretaries of State, a Draft of such Bill or Bills, and shall have received Our Royal Pleasure thereupon ; unless you take care in the passing of any such Bills, as aforementioned, that there be a Clause inserted therein, suspending and deferring the execution thereof until Our Pleasure shall be known concerning the same.

XXV.

Bills affecting private property.

You are also to take care that no private Act be passed, whereby the Property of any private person may be affected, in which there is not a saving of the Rights of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all bodies politic and corporate, and of all others except such as are mentioned in the said Act, and those claiming by, from, and under them : and further, you shall take care that no such private Act be passed without a clause suspending the execution thereof until the same shall have received Our Royal approbation. It is likewise Our Will and Pleasure, that you do not give your assent to any Private Act, until proof be made before you in Council, and entered in the Council Book, that public notification of the parties' intention to apply for such an Act was affixed to the doors of the several Churches, Chapels, or Places of Public Worship in the town or place where the premises in question lie, for three Sundays at least successively before any such Act shall be brought into the Assembly ; and that a Certificate under your hand be transmitted with and annexed to every such private Act, signifying that the same has passed through all the forms above mentioned.

XXVI.

Bills for levying Money, Fines, &c,

You are to take care that in all Acts or Orders to be passed within Our said Island in any case for imposing fines and penalties, express men-