

serve as a member of the Assembly, provided that such period shall not extend beyond the period of two years next preceding any such election: Now we do therefore by this our Commission, and in pursuance of the powers in us vested in and by the said recited Act of Parliament, fix and determine the length of the period of residence within any electoral district in the said Island which shall be required in addition to any other qualification, for voting at Elections within such district, or for being elected (that is to say) the period set forth in and by the beforementioned instructions; And whereas it is by the said recited act of Parliament further enacted that it shall be lawful for Us, in manner aforesaid, to restrain the said Assembly from appropriating to the public service within the said Island any part of the public revenue thereof, in cases where such services shall not have been previously recommended or such grants of money shall not have been previously asked by Us or on our behalf. Now we do hereby, by this our Commission, and in pursuance of the powers in Us vested by the said recited Act of Parliament in that behalf, restrain the said Assembly from appropriating to the public service, within the said Island any part of the public revenue thereof in cases where such services shall not have been previously recommended, or such grants of money shall not have been previously asked by Us, or on our behalf; And whereas it is by the said recited act further enacted that it shall be lawful for us, in manner aforesaid, to restrain and prohibit the election of members to serve in the said Assembly in different districts on successive or different days, and to require that all such elections shall be simultaneous, and shall be completed within a time to be limited; And we hereby, by this our commission and in pursuance of the powers in us vested by the said recited Act of Parliament in that behalf, restrain and prohibit the Election of members to serve in the said Assembly in different districts on successive or different days, and do require that all such elections shall be simultaneous, and shall be completed within a time to be limited (that is to say) within the period of Ten complete days from the day of the receipt, by the Returning officer of each district, of the writ authorising such election, and that the polling at every such election shall be completed within eight successive hours next immediately following the commencement of each polling. And whereas it is by the said recited act further enacted that it shall be competent to us, in manner aforesaid, to establish an Executive Council, for advising the Governor of the said Island, apart and distinct from the Legislative Council thereof: Now we do hereby, by this our Commission, and in pursuance of the powers in us vested by the said recited Act of Parliament, establish an Executive Council, for advising the Governor of the said Island, apart and distinct from the Legislative Council thereof—which Executive Council shall consist and be composed of such persons as are mentioned or referred to in and by the instructions, under our Signet and Sign Manual, accompanying and referred to in this our Commission. And whereas it is by the said act further enacted, that it shall be lawful for us in manner aforesaid to abolish the Legislative Council of the said Island as a distinct house or branch of the Legislature thereof, and to authorise and empower the members of the said Legislative Council to sit and and vote in the House of Assembly as members thereof, as fully in all respects as the elected members of the said house.—Provided always that the number of members so to be authorised to sit and vote in the said house of Assembly shall never be more than two-fifths of the whole number of the members of such House of Assembly.

Now we do hereby, by this our Commission, and in pursuance of the powers in us vested by the said recited act of Parliament, direct that the Legislative