

upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend from the exercise of his Office within Our said Island any Person exercising any Office or Place under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted or which may be granted by Us or in Our Name or under Our authority: Now We do charge and require you, that before proceeding to 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, and the evidence by which he may be desirous to exculpate himself, which statement and exculpation you will lay before the Executive Council; and having consulted them thereupon, you will cause to be recorded in the Minutes of the said Council whether they or the majority of them do or do not assent to such suspension; and if you thereupon proceed to such suspension, you are to transmit both of the said statements, together with the Minutes of Council, to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, by the earliest conveyance: But if in any case the interest 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 hereinbefore 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.

Suspension of Officers.

XXXVII.

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 Island, 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 the said Island, to make to you a written report of the case of such offender, and such report of the said Judge shall by you be taken into consideration at the first meeting thereafter which may be conveniently held of Our said Executive Council, where the said Judge shall be specially summoned to attend: and you shall not pardon or reprieve any such offender as aforesaid, unless, upon receiving the advice of Our Executive Council therein, it shall appear to you expedient so to do; but in all such cases, you are to decide, either to extend or withhold a pardon, or reprieve, according to your own deliberate judgment, whether the Members of Our said Executive Council concur therein or otherwise; entering, nevertheless, on the Minutes of the said Council, a Minute of your reasons at length, in case you should decide any such question in opposition to the judgment of the majority of the Members thereof.

Pardons.

XXXVIII.

And whereas We did, by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing

Ecclesiastical affairs.