

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

Their precepts and their examples shall perpetually tend to maintain their tenants in the sentiments of fidelity and submission which they owe you, They will offer without ceasing their vows and their prayers for the Glory and Preservation of Your Majesty and your august family.

COMMISSION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.<sup>1</sup>

Quebec ss. **GEORGE THE THIRD** by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, **KING**, Defender of the Faith, and so forth; To our Trusty and well beloved **WILLIAM HEY**, Esquire, **GREETING**.

**KNOW YE**, that we having taken into our Royal Consideration, Your Loyalty, Integrity, and ability, Have, assigned, Constituted, and appointed, **AND WE**, do hereby assign, Constitute, and appoint, you, the said **WILLIAM HEY**, our Chief Justice of, and in our Province of Quebec in America; To Enquire by the Oaths of honest and lawful men of the province aforesaid, and by other lawful ways, Methods, and means, by which you can or may the better Know, as well within liberties, as without, of whatsoever Treasons, misprisions of Treason, Insurrections, Rebellions, Murders, Felonies, Homicides, Killings, Burglaries, Rapes of Women, Unlawful Congregations & Assemblies, words spoken, Misprisions, Confederacies, False Allegations, Trespasses, Riots, Routs, Escapes, Contempts, Falsities, Negligencies, Concealments, Maintenances, Oppressions, Champorties, Deceits, and other Misdoings, Offences, and Injuries whatsoever, as also of the accessaries thereto within the province aforesaid, as well within liberties as without, by whomsoever and howsoever had, done, perpetrated, or Committed, or which hereafter may happen to be done, perpetrated, or Committed, and by whom, to whom,

Commission to be Chief Justice of the province of Quebec

Power to inquire of all treasons, felonies, and other offences;

<sup>1</sup> Canadian Archives, Register of Commissions, from Department of Secretary of State. The mandate to the Governor to appoint Wm. Hey as Chief Justice is dated Feb. 3rd and is as follows:—

“The King’s Mandate to the Governor or Commander in Chief of the Province of Quebec, requiring Him to appoint William Hey, Esquire, Chief Justice of the s<sup>d</sup> Province. George R.

Trusty and well beloved, We greet you well, Whereas We have taken into our royal consideration the loyalty, integrity, and ability of our trusty and well beloved William Hey, Esquire, We have thought fit, hereby, to authorize and require you forthwith to cause letters patent to be passed under the seal of our province of Quebec in America, constituting and appointing him the said William Hey, our Chief Justice of, and in our said province; to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office unto him the said William Hey, for and during our pleasure, and his residence within our said province, together with all and singular the rights, profits, privileges and emoluments unto the said place belonging in the most full and ample manner with full power and authority to hold the supreme courts of judicature, at such places, and at such times as the same may and ought to be held within our said province. And for so doing, this shall be your warrant. And so we bid you farewell.

Given at our Court at St. James’ the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February 1766 in the sixth year of our Reign. By His Majesty’s command  
(signed) H. S. CONWAY

To our trusty and well beloved James Murray, Esquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of Quebec in America; and in his absence to the Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being.”

From copy in the Public Record Office. See also note p. 256.