

cutive Council, you are, in case of any Vacancy in the said Council, to transmit to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, the Names and Characters of such Three Persons, Inhabitants of Our said Province of Lower Canada, whom you may esteem the best qualified for fulfilling the Trust of such Executive Council.

Sixth. And in the Choice and Selection of such Persons proposed to fill such Vacancy in Our said Executive Council, as also of the Judges Officers, Judges Assistants, Justices of the Peace, and other Officers of Justice, you are also to take care that they be Men of good Life, well affected to Our Government, and of Abilities suitable to their Employment.

Seventh. And whereas We are sensible that effectual Care ought to be taken to oblige the Members of Our Executive Council to a due Attendance, it is Our Will and Pleasure, in order to prevent the many Inconveniences which may happen for Want of a Quorum of the Council to transact Business as Occasion may require, that if any of the Members of Our said Executive Council residing in Our said Province shall hereafter wilfully absent themselves from the Province, and continue absent above the Space of Six Months together, without Leave from you first obtained under your Hand and Seal, or shall remain absent for the Space of One Year without Our Leave given them under Our Royal Signature, their Places in the said Executive Council shall immediately thereupon become void: And We do hereby will and require you, that this Our Royal Pleasure be signified to the several Members of Our said Executive Council, and that it be entered in the Council Books of the said Province as a standing Rule.

Eighth. And to the end that Our said Executive Council may be assisting to you in all Affairs relating to Our Service, you are to communicate to them such and so many of these Our Instructions wherein their Advice is mentioned to be requisite, and likewise all such others from Time to Time as you shall find it convenient for Our Service to be imparted to them.

Ninth. You are also to permit the Members of Our said Executive Council to have and enjoy Freedom of Debate and Vote in all Affairs of Public Concern which may be debated in Our said Executive Council.

Tenth. Whereas by the aforesaid recited Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of Our dearest Father, His late Majesty King George the Third, it is provided that the Seats of Our Members of Our Legislative Council shall become vacant in certain Cases mentioned in the said Act; it is Our Will and Pleasure that if any Member of Our said Legislative Council shall at any Time leave Our said Province and reside out of the same you shall report the same to Us by the first Opportunity, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and you are also in like Manner to report whether such Member of the said Council is absent by your Permission, or by the Permission of Our Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of Our said Province for the Time being; and you are also in like Manner to report, if it shall come to your Knowledge, that any such Member shall at any Time take or have taken the Oath of Allegiance or Obedience to any Foreign Prince or Power, or shall be attainted for Treason in any Court of Law within any of Our Dominions, that We may take such Measures thereupon as We shall think fit; and you are to take especial Care that the several Provisoes in the said Act respecting the several Cases in which Persons may or may not be entitled to receive Writs of Summons to the said Legislative Council, or to hold their Places therein, shall be duly executed.

Eleventh. And for the Execution of so much of the Powers vested in you by Our said Commission and by virtue of the said Act as relates to the declaring that you assent in Our Name to Bills passed in the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, or that you withhold Our Assent therefrom, or that you reserve such Bills for the Signification of Our Royal Will and Pleasure thereon, it is Our Will and Pleasure, that you do carefully observe the following Rules, Directions, and Instructions; viz^t, that the Style of enacting all the said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances be, by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Our Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue and under the Authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled "An Act to repeal certain Parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An