
ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

monished by you, you are to suspend the said Councillors so absenting themselves, until Our further Will and Pleasure therein be known, giving immediate notice thereof to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State ; and We do hereby will and require that this Our Royal Pleasure be signified to the Members of Our said Council, and entered into the Council Book as a Standing Rule.

VIII.

You are authorised and directed, with the advice and consent of Our said Council, from time to time, as need shall require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Householders within the said Island and its Dependencies within your Government, in such manner and form, and according to such powers and authorities as are hereinafter appointed by these Instructions, or according to such further powers and authorities as shall be at any time hereafter granted or appointed under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council, and according to the Laws of Our said Island in that behalf made and provided ; and Our Will and Pleasure is, that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the freeholders and householders of the respective Towns and Districts, and so returned, shall, before their sitting, take the Oath commonly called the Oath of Allegiance, which Oaths you shall commission fit persons, under the Seal of Our said Island and its Dependencies, to tender and administer unto them ; and until the same shall be so taken, no person shall be capable of sitting, though elected ; and We do hereby declare that the persons so elected and qualified, shall be called and deemed the General Assembly of Our said Island of Newfoundland ; and you the said Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, by and with the advice and consent of Our said Council and Assembly, or the major part of them respectively, shall have full power and authority to make, constitute, and ordain, Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, for the public peace, welfare, and good Government of Our said Island and its Dependencies, and the people and inhabitants thereof, and such others as shall resort thereto, and for the benefit of Us, Our Heirs and Successors ; which said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, are not to be repugnant but as near as may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

IX.

And it is Our further Will and pleasure, that all such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, of what nature or duration soever, be, within three months or sooner after the making thereof, transmitted to Us, under the Public Seal of Our said Island and its Dependencies, for Our approbation or disallowance of the same, as also duplicates thereof by the next conveyance. And in case any or all of the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, not before confirmed by Us, shall at any time be disallowed and not approved, and so signified by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, under Our or their Sign Manual and Signet, or by order of Our or their Privy Council, unto you the said Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, or the Commander-in-Chief of Our said Island for the time being, then such and so many of the said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, as shall be so disallowed and not approved, shall from thenceforth cease, determine, and be-