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PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.



BY AUTHORITY.



By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the last Tuesday of this present month of September, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to the last Tuesday in December.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the twenty first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, and in the eleventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

CAVALIER H. JOUETT, Esquire, to be Provost Marshal of the Court for the trial and punishment of Piracy and other Offences committed on the High Seas, in the room of E. W. Miller, Esquire, deceased.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

Secretary's Office, 14th October, 1847.

PETER MUZZROLL, Esquire, to be Local Deputy for that part of the County of Kent which lies north of the Richibucto River.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

Secretary's Office, 22nd October, 1847.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.

JAMES LECHMERE PRICE, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to Solemnize Marriage in the County of Northumberland.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

Secretary's Office, 18th October, 1847.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

THE Commissioners of Highways of the several and respective Parishes throughout the Province, are hereby requested to furnish the Supervisor of the Great Road leading through their respective Parishes, with the Names of the Proprietors or Occupiers of the Land fronting on such Great Roads, beginning with the name of the person residing at the lower line of each Parish, and proceeding upwards on both sides of the Road, for the purpose of enabling the Supervisor to enforce the provisions of the Great Road Law, in removing fences, &c., which may be found placed on the public Highway.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

Secretary's Office, 27th September, 1847.

Downing Street, 25th September, 1847.

SIR,—In the last Session of Parliament an Act was passed "for the Naturalization of Aliens," 10th & 11th Vict. chap. 83: I herewith enclose a copy of it.

The Preamble of that Act explains briefly the circumstances in which it originated. In almost all the British Colonies Laws had of late years been enacted, the object of which was to impart the privileges of natural born British subjects to Aliens inhabiting the Colonies in which enactments were made. On referring those Acts to the successive Law Officers of the Crown, it appeared from their answers to such references, to be a matter of great doubt whether they were valid and effectual for their purpose, and whether the Queen could properly be advised to confirm them. The principal ground of this doubt was the existence in the British Statute Book of various general Acts respecting the Naturalization of Aliens; some of which Acts of Parliament, and especially the Statute 7th & 8th, chap. 66, were supposed by Her Majesty's legal advisers to extend to, and be in force throughout the British Colonies. But the Colonial Acts in question being found to be in several respects at variance with, and repugnant to those Acts of Parliament, it was inferred that such Colonial enactments were null and void either in whole or in part.

To obviate a conclusion replete with so much inconvenience, and recommended by no assignable advantage, Her Majesty's Government recommended to Parliament in their last Session the passing of the Act which I now enclose.

The result of that Act is, first, to give validity to all Colonial Naturalization Acts formerly passed, and to declare that they shall be taken to have been valid from the time of their enactment: secondly, the Act then proceeds to provide that all Naturalization Acts which shall hereafter be passed by any Colonial Legislature, shall within the limits of the Colony have the force of Law, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding: but thirdly, both the retrospective and the prospective operation of the 10th & 11th Vict. chap. 83, is confined to Colonial Acts which authorize the enjoyment of the privileges of Naturalization within the limits of the Colony within which such Act shall have been or shall be made: it also declares, fourthly, that all such Naturalization Laws shall be subject to the Rules which regulate the enactment and disallowance of Colonial Laws on any other subject: and finally, it declares that the 7th & 8th Vict. chap. 66, does not extend to the British Colonies.

The result of these enactments will be to remove all doubts which have hitherto prevented the confirmation of various Naturalization Acts of the different British Colonies, and to ascertain the competency of the Colonial Legislatures to confer on Aliens the privileges of natural born British subjects, if the exercise of those privileges be limited to the peculiar Colony in which the enactment may be made.

It may obviate a possible misconception to add that inasmuch as that part of the Navigation Act which confines to British subjects the ownership of British Registered Shipping, is not repealed, but continues in full force. The disability of an Alien naturalized under a Colonial Act to own such Shipping, is not removed by the accompanying Statute 10th and 11th Vict., chap. 83. It would indeed be at variance with the terms of that Act, to claim such a privilege in pursuance of it, inasmuch as the privileges which it authorises the Colonial Legislatures to confer, are expressly restricted to the limits of the Colony within which they may so be conferred.

I propose a series of separate Despatches, to advert to and dispose of the particular questions of this kind which have hitherto been pending; those separate Despatches being of course addressed to the Governors of those Colonies only in which any such questions have arisen.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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Lt. Governor Sir W. Colebrooke.