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GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INSTRUCTIONS

The subjoined copy of instructions to His Excellency Sir Edmund Head, has been recently laid before the Canadian Parliament —

In-structions to our treaty and well beloved Sir Edmund Walker Head, Esquire, our Captain General and Governor-in-Chief, in and our province of Canada, or in his absence to our Lieutenant Governor or the Officer administering the government of said Province for the purpose being referred to in the Statute in that behalf made by our Court at Edinburgh, this 29th day of September, 1854, in the Eighteenth year of our Reign.

First, Whereas, by our commission, under the great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date here-with, We

have considered the Application, and the said Edmund Walker Head to be, during our pleasure, our Captain General and Governor in Chief, and over our Province of Canada, and whereas we have thereby authorized, empowered, required, and commanded you the said Sir Edmund Walker Head, in due manner, to do and execute all things that shall belong to your said command, and in trust we have reposed in you according to the several powers, provisions and directions granted or assigned you, by virtue of our said commands

sion, and of a certain Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Fourth Year of our Reign, entitled, "An Act to reunite the Provinces" of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the "Government of Canada;" and according to such instructions as should be therewith given to you, or which might first of time to time be thereafter given to you in respect of the said Province of Canada, under our Signet and Sign Manual, or by our order in our Privy Council, or by us through one of our principal secre-

taries of State, and according to such laws as we
or should be in force within the former Province
of Upper and Lower Canada, or in our Province
of Canada; and whereas it is by the said recite
Act, amongst other things, enacted that all power
and authorities expressed therein to be given
the Governor of the Province of Canada shall
be exercised by such Governor in conformity with
and subject to such orders, instructions and direc
tions as we shall from time to time see fit to make

or issue, now, therefore, we do hereby in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament and of the other powers in us in that behalf vested, in and issue these our instructions for your guidance in the exercise of the powers and authorities vested in you by the said Act of Parliament, and by our said commission.

Second. That we do hereby give and grant unto you, the said — full power, and authority, from time to time hereafter, by yourself, or by a like person, to be authorized by you in that behalf

na, to administer to all and every person or persons as you shall think fit, who shall hold any office or place of trust, or profit, or who shall any time or times pass into our said Province of Canada, or who shall be resident, or abiding in the same, the oath commonly called the oath of allegiance; save only in cases wherein any other oath or oaths is prescribed by the Statute in that behalf made, or by any of these Statutes in which case it is our pleasure, and we do hereby direct,

Third, And whereas we have by the said Commission declared our pleasure to be, that there shall be an Executive Council for the affairs of said Province of Canada. And that the said Council shall consist of such persons as you may nominate and appoint to be members thereof: We authorize you, should it in your opinion be necessary for the public service, to remove, or suggest the removal of, any member thereof.

any of the Members of our said Executive Council but in that case you will immediately report to through one of our Provincial Secretaries of the causes of such removal or suspension as the case may be.

Fourth. 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 them such aid so many of these our Instructions wherein their advice is mentioned to the regular

and likewise all such others from time to time you shall find convenient for our service to import to them.

FOURTH. You are to permit the members of said Executive Council, to have and enjoy freedom of debate, and vote in all affairs of public concern which may be debated in the said Executive Council.

FIFTH. And we do hereby declare, and it is our pleasure, that our said Council shall not proceed to the dispatch of business unless duly summoned.

by your authority, nor unless one third of the Members of the said Council be present, and unless a majority of the Members present be in favour of any such business shall be despatched. And we do further direct that in any case you see sufficient cause to send from the inferior part, or the whole of our Executive Council upon any question brought you under their consideration, it shall be content to you upon any such occasion, to exercise the powers and authorities vested in you by

said Commission, and by these our Instructions in opposition to such their opinions: it being nevertheless our pleasure that in every case it should be competent to any Member of our said Council to record at length on the Minutes our said Council the grounds and reasons of any advice or opinion he may give upon any question brought under consideration of such Council.

under the Great Seal of the province, one Member of said Executive Council to preside in his absence, and to remove him and appoint another in his stead. And if during your absence as a Member of the Council actually present shall be the seniority of the Members of the Council being regulated according to the order of their respective appointments.

Eight. And we do further direct and command that a full and exact Journal or Minute be kept of the proceedings of the said Executive Council, and that the same be laid before the Legislature at the first session of each year.

of all the deliberations, Acts, Proceedings, and Resolutions of our said Executive Council, that at each Meeting of the said Council the minutes of the last preceding Meeting shall be read over, confirmed or amended as the case may require, before proceeding to the despatch of any business.

your assent in Our Name to Bills passed by Legislative Council and House of Assembly that you withhold Our Assent therefrom, or you reserve such Bills for the signification of Royal Pleasure thereon, it is our Will and sure that you do carefully observe the following Rules.

Directions and Instructions; namely, That different Matter be provided for by a different Bill without including in one and the same Act

That no clause be inserted in any Act which be foreign to what the Title of it imports, and no perpetual clause be part of any temporary.

Teach. And you are expressly enjoined to propose or assent to any Act, whatever, where any person may be impeded or hindered in celebrating or attending the worship of Almighty God in a peaceable or orderly manner, which such worship may be conducted according

Rites and ceremonies of the Church of Eng
Eleventh. And we do further enjoin you
propose any Act whereby Our Prerogative
be diminished or in any respect infringed
Our special permission previously obtained
if any Bill having such effect shall be pre
posed for your assent, you shall declare
thereof for the signification of Our Pleas
Twelfth. And we do further direct that
not propose or assent to any act whatsoever

by bills of creditor other negotiable secu

