

Imperial Act, 31
& 32 Vict., c. 72.

Reign, intituled an Act to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths; and likewise the usual Oath for the due execution of the Office of Governor, and for the due and impartial administration of justice; which Oaths the said Chief Justice or Judge is hereby required to administer.

Public Seal.

5. The Governor shall keep and use the Public Seal of the Colony for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the said Public Seal.

Executive Council: constitution
of.

6. There shall be an Executive Council for the Colony, and the said Council shall consist of such persons as are now or may at any time be Members thereof in accordance with any Law enacted by the Legislature of the Colony, and of such other persons as the Governor shall, from time to time, in Our name and on Our behalf, but subject to any Law as aforesaid, appoint under the Public Seal of the Colony to be Members of Our said Executive Council.

Grant of lands.

7. The Governor, in Our name and on Our behalf, may make and execute, under the said Public Seal, grants and dispositions of any lands which may be lawfully granted and disposed of by Us within the Colony.

Appointment of
Judges, Justices,
&c.

8. The Governor may constitute and appoint, in Our name and on Our behalf, all such Judges, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, and other necessary Officers and Ministers of the Colony as may be lawfully constituted or appointed by Us.

Grant of pardons.

9. When any crime has been committed within the Colony, or for which the offender may be tried therein, the Governor may, as he shall see occasion, in Our name and on Our behalf, grant a pardon to any accomplice in such crime who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender, or of any one of such offenders if more than one; and further, may grant to any offender convicted in any Court, or before any Judge, or other Magistrate, within the Colony, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any remission of the sentence passed on such offender, or any respite of the execution of such sentence for such period as the Governor thinks fit; and further may remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures due or accrued to Us: Provided always that the Governor shall in no case, except where the offence has been of a political nature unaccompanied by any other grave crime, make it a condition of any pardon or remission of sentence that the offender shall absent himself or be removed from the Colony.

Remission of
fines.
Political offenders
Proviso. Banish-
ment from
Colony pro-
hibited.

Suspension or
removal from
office.

10. The Governor may, so far as We Ourselves lawfully may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, remove from his office, or suspend from the exercise of the same, any person exercising any office or place within the Colony, under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which may be granted, by Us, in Our name, or under Our authority.

Summoning,
proroguing, or
dissolving any
Legislative body.
Appointment of
members.

11. The Governor may exercise all powers lawfully belonging to Us in respect of the summoning, proroguing, or dissolving any Legislative Body, which now is or hereafter may be established within Our said Colony, and in respect of the appointment of Members thereto.

Succession to the
Government.
Lieutenant-
Governor.
Administrator.
Proviso. Lieu-
tenant-Governor,
&c., to take oaths
of office before
administering the
Government.
Duties and
authorities under
Letters Patent.

12. In the event of the death, incapacity, or removal of the Governor, or of his departure from the Colony, Our Lieutenant Governor, or, if there be no such Officer in the Colony, then such person or persons as We may appoint, under Our Sign-Manual and Signet, shall, during Our pleasure, administer the Government of the Colony, first taking the Oaths hereinbefore directed to be taken by the Governor, and in the manner herein prescribed; which being done, We do hereby authorize, empower, and command Our Lieutenant Governor, and every other such Administrator as aforesaid, to do and execute during Our pleasure all things that belong to the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief, according to the tenor of these Our Letters Patent, and according to Our Instructions as aforesaid, and the Laws of the Colony.

Governor may
appoint a deputy
during his tempo-
rary absence from
seat of Govern-
ment.

13. In the event of the Governor having occasion to be temporarily absent for a short period from the Seat of Government or from the Colony, he may in every such case, by an Instrument under the Public Seal of the Colony, constitute and appoint Our Lieutenant Governor, or if there be no such Officer, then any other person to be his Deputy during such temporary absence, and in that capacity to exercise, perform, and execute for and on behalf of the Governor during such absence, but no longer, all such powers and authorities vested in the Governor, by these Our Letters Patent, as shall in and by such Instrument be specified and limited, but no others: Provided, nevertheless, that, by the appointment of a Deputy as aforesaid, the power and authority of the Governor shall not be abridged, altered, or in any way affected, otherwise than We may at any time hereafter think proper to direct.