

same, either to private persons for their own use and benefit, or to any persons, bodies politic or corporate in trust for the public uses of our subjects there resident or any of them.

XV. Provided always that in the exercise of the powers last aforesaid, the respective Governors of the said provinces respectively shall strictly conform to and observe the rules for their guidance prescribed in and by the said instructions hereinbefore mentioned.

XVI. And we do hereby authorize, empower, and require the respective Governors of the said provinces respectively, from time to time, in our name and on our behalf, to constitute and appoint Judges, and, in cases requisite, Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, Justices of Peace, and other necessary officers for the administration of justice within the said respective provinces, and for the putting in force therein all laws made or to be made for the government thereof, and all such officers as may be requisite for the due administration of the civil Government therein. And we do further authorize the same Governors, as occasion shall require, to suspend from the exercise of his office or employment, until our pleasure shall be known, any person or persons within their respective provinces holding any public office or employment therein at our pleasure.

XVII. Provided always that in the exercise of such power of appointment and suspension of public officers, the same Governors shall observe the rules in that behalf prescribed for their guidance in and by the said instructions hereinbefore mentioned.

XVIII. And we do hereby authorize, empower, and require the respective Governors of the said provinces respectively, to administer, or to cause to be administered, to all our officers, civil and military, and to all other persons within the said provinces respectively, such oaths for the due execution of their respective offices and employments as are usually taken by such officers, and the oath of allegiance.

XIX. And we do hereby give and grant unto the respective Governors of the said provinces respectively, full power and authority in our name and on our behalf, to grant to any offender convicted of any crime, or sentenced to the payment to us of any fine, penalty, or forfeiture by any court or by or before any judge, justice, or magistrate within the said provinces respectively, a free and unconditional pardon, or a pardon subject to such conditions as by any law then in force may be thereunto annexed, or any respite of the execution of the sentence of any such offender for such period as to such Governor may seem meet, or a remission, either total or partial, absolute or conditional, of any such fine, penalty, or forfeiture.

XX. And in the event of the death of the Governor-in-chief of New Zealand for the time being; or of his absence from the New Zealand Islands, or of his bodily or mental incapacity for the discharge of the duties of his office, any person being within the said islands and holding a commission from us to be Governor of the Province of New Ulster, shall, upon the occurrence of such

death, absence, or incapacity, enter upon, and during such vacancy by death, or during the continuance of such absence or incapacity, or until our pleasure be known, discharge all the powers, authorities, privileges, and duties of such Governor-in-chief, as fully as if a commission for the exercise of that office during that period had by us been addressed to him. But if there should not happen to be within the said islands on the occurrence of any such vacancy by death, or during the continuance of any such absence or incapacity, any person holding our commission as Governor of the Province of New Ulster, then upon the occurrence, and during the continuance of such vacancy by death, or during the continuance of such absence or incapacity, or until our pleasure be known, the exercise of the said office of Governor-in-chief shall be assumed by any person being within the said islands, and holding a commission from us to be Governor of the Province of New Munster; and failing any such Governor of New Munster, then and in such case by the chief officer in command of our military forces within the said islands for the time being.

XXI. And we do further declare our pleasure to be, that Lieutenant-Governors of the said respective provinces shall by us from time to time be appointed by commissions under our signet and sign manual; but that in the event of the death, absence, resignation, bodily or mental incapacity, or suspension from office by the said Governor-in-chief of any such Lieutenant-Governor, it shall be competent to the said Governor-in-chief, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of such last-mentioned vacancy, by a commission under the public seal of the General Government of New Zealand, in our name and on our behalf, to constitute and appoint any proper person to be the Lieutenant-Governor of such province until our pleasure be known.

XXII. And we do hereby declare our pleasure to be, that the Lieutenant-Governor for the time being of each of the said provinces, (whether so appointed by such a direct commission from us as aforesaid, or by such a commission as aforesaid from the Governor-in-chief of New Zealand, shall have, exercise, and enjoy all powers, privileges, and authorities hereby or by the said instructions hereinbefore mentioned, or otherwise howsoever, vested in the Governor for the time being of any such province, save only that the temporary and provisional administration of the office of Governor-in-chief of New Zealand), on any such vacancy by death, absence, or incapacity as aforesaid, shall pass to and become vested in the Governor of the Province of New Munster, in preference to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Ulster, and in the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Ulster in preference to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Munster; and that such provisional administration of the said office of Governor-in-chief of New Zealand, shall, on any such vacancy by death, absence, or incapacity, as aforesaid, pass to and become vested in such chief military officer as