

one of our Principal Secretaries of State, *Now therefore, We do* by these our instructions, under our Royal Sign Manual and Signet, being the Instructions so referred to in and accompanying our said Commission, declare our pleasure to be, that you shall with all due solemnity cause our said Commission to be read and published in the presence of the Chief Justice of our said Colony for the time being, and of the members of the Executive Council thereof, and you shall then and there take the Oaths appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the first year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled—"An Act for the further security of his Majesty's person and Government and the succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secret abettors," as altered and explained by an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third, intituled—"An Act for altering the Oath of abjuration and the assurance, and for amending so much of an Act of the seventh year of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled 'An Act for the Improvement of the union of the two Kingdoms,' as after the time therein limited requires the delivery of certain lists and copies therein mentioned to persons indicted of high treason, or mis-prision of treason;" or in lieu thereof, the oath required to be taken by an Act passed in the tenth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth intituled—"An Act for the relief of his Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects" according as the said former Acts or the said last mentioned Act, shall be applicable to your case; and likewise that you do take the Oath for the due execution of the office of our Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over our said Colony, and for the due and impartial administration of justice, which said Oaths the Chief Justice for the time being of our said Colony shall, and he is required to tender and administer unto you.

2. *And we do hereby authorise* and require you from time to time, and at any time hereafter by yourself, or by any other person to be authorised by you in that behalf, to administer to all and to every person or persons as you shall think fit, who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit, or who shall at any time or times pass into our said Colony, or who shall be resident or abiding therein, the Oath, commonly called the Oath of Allegiance, save only in cases wherein any other oath, or oaths is or are prescribed by the Statutes in that behalf made, or by any of these Statutes, in which cases it is our pleasure and We do hereby direct that you do administer, or cause to be administered to such persons such other oath, or oaths as aforesaid.

3. AND WHEREAS by the said recited Act of Parliament of the fifteenth and sixteenth years of our reign, it is amongst other things enacted that there shall be within the said Colony of New Zealand a General Assembly, to consist of the Governor, Legislative Council, and House of Representatives, and it is further enacted and provided that it shall be lawful for us by any instrument under our Sign Manual to authorise you in our name to summon to the said Legislative Council, the number of persons therein designated as also to summon such other person or persons as We shall think fit. *Now therefore* in pursuance of the said recited Act, and in the exercise of the powers thereby vested in us. We do by these our Instructions, under our Sign Manual and Signet, authorise you in our name to summon to the Legislative Council from time to time, such person or persons as you shall deem to be prudent and discreet men, either in addition to the present members of the said Council, or for supplying any vacancies which may take place therein by death or otherwise, but so that the whole number of the said Council shall not at any time exceed fifteen. *Provided always* that in accordance with the provisions of the said Act no persons shall be summoned by you to such Legislative Council, who shall not be of the full age of twenty-one years and a natural born subject of her Majesty, or a subject of her Majesty naturalized by Act of Parliament, or by an Act of the Legislature of New Zealand.

4. *And for the execution* of so much of the powers as are vested in you by the said recited Act passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of our reign, of assenting to, or dissenting from, or reserving for the signification of our Royal pleasure, Bills which have been passed by the said Legislative Council and House of Representatives, *We do* by these our Instructions under our Sign Manual and Signet, enjoin and require you to be guided by the following rules, directions, and instructions, that is to say:—

5. *You are as much as possible* to observe in the passing of all laws, that each different matter be provided for by a different Law, without intermixing in one and the same law such things as have no proper relation to each other and you are more especially to take care that no clause or clauses be inserted in or annexed to any Bill which shall be foreign to what the title of such Bill imports, and that no perpetual clause be part of any temporary Law.

6. *And you are expressly enjoined* not to propose or assent to any Bill whatever, whereby any person may be impeded or hindered from celebrating or attending the worship of Almighty God in a peaceably and orderly manner, although such worship may not be conducted according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England.

7. *And We do further enjoin* you not to propose any Bill whereby our prerogative might be diminished, or in any respect infringed, without our special permission previously obtained. And if any Bill having such an effect shall be presented to you for your assent, you shall declare that you reserve it for the signification of our pleasure.