

Journals and minutes to be kept.

5. A full and exact journal or minute shall be kept of all the deliberations, acts, proceedings, votes, and resolutions of the Executive Council; and at each meeting of the said Council the Minutes of the last meeting shall be read over and confirmed or amended, as the case may require, before proceeding to the despatch of any other business.

Governor to consult Executive Council. Proviso. Urgent cases.

6. In the execution of the powers and authorities granted to the Governor by Our said Letters Patent, he shall in all cases consult with the Executive Council, excepting only in cases which are of such a nature that, in his judgment, Our service would sustain material prejudice by consulting the said Council thereupon, or when the matters to be decided are too unimportant to require their advice, or too urgent to admit of their advice being given by the time within which it may be necessary for him to act in respect of any such matters. In all such urgent cases he shall at the earliest practicable period communicate to the said Council the measures which he may so have adopted, with the reasons thereof.

May act in opposition to Executive Council. Reporting the grounds for so doing.

7. The Governor may act in the exercise of the powers and authorities granted to him by Our said Letters Patent in opposition to the advice given to him by the members of the Executive Council if he shall in any case deem it right to do so, but in any such case he shall fully report the matter to Us, by the first convenient opportunity, with the grounds and reasons of his action.

Rules to be observed in assenting to, dissenting from, or reserving Bills. Different subjects not to be mixed in the same law. No clause to be introduced foreign to what the title imports. Temporary laws.

8. In the execution of such powers as are vested in the Governor by law for assenting to or dissenting from, or of reserving for the signification of Our pleasure, Bills which have been passed by the Legislature of the Colony, he shall take care, as far as may be practicable, that in the passing of all Laws 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 that no clause be inserted in or annexed to any Law which shall be foreign to what the title of such Law imports, and that no perpetual clause be part of any temporary Law.

Description of Bills not to be assented to.

9. The Governor shall not assent in Our name to any Bill of any of the classes hereafter specified, that is to say,—

- (1.) Any Bill for the divorce of persons joined together in holy matrimony:
- (2.) Any Bill whereby any grant of land or money, or other donation or gratuity, may be made to himself:
- (3.) Any Bill affecting the currency of the Colony:
- (4.) Any Bill imposing differential duties (other than as allowed by "The Australian Colonies Duties Act, 1873"):
- (5.) Any Bill the provisions of which shall appear inconsistent with obligations imposed upon Us by Treaty:
- (6.) Any Bill interfering with the discipline or control of Our forces in the Colony by land or sea:
- (7.) Any Bill of an extraordinary nature and importance, whereby Our prerogative, or the rights and property of Our subjects not residing in the Colony, or the trade and shipping of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies, may be prejudiced:
- (8.) Any Bill containing provisions to which Our assent has been once refused, or which have been disallowed by Us:

Powers in Urgent Cases.

Unless such Bill shall contain a clause suspending the operation of such Bill until the signification in the Colony of Our pleasure thereupon, or unless the Governor shall have satisfied himself that an urgent necessity exists requiring that such Bill be brought into immediate operation, in which case he is authorized to assent in Our name to such Bill, unless the same shall be repugnant to the law of England, or inconsistent with any obligations imposed upon Us by Treaty. But he is to transmit to Us, by the earliest opportunity, the Bill so assented to, together with his reasons for assenting thereto.

Laws sent home to have marginal Abstracts.

10. The Governor is to take care that all Laws assented to by him in Our name, or reserved for the signification of Our pleasure thereon, shall, when transmitted by him, be fairly abstracted in the margins, and be accompanied, in such cases as may seem to him necessary, with such explanatory observations as may be required to exhibit the reasons and occasions for proposing such laws, and shall also transmit fair copies of the Journals and Minutes of the proceedings of the Legislative Bodies of the Colony, which he is to require from the clerks or other public officers in that behalf of the said Legislative Bodies.

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