

Possession of such Parts of Our Dominions & Territories as, not having been ceded to, or Purchased by Us, are reserved to them, or any of them, as their Hunting Grounds; We do therefore with the Advice of Our Privy Council declare it to be Our Royal Will and Pleasure, that no Governor or Commander in Chief in any of Our Colonies of Quebec, East Florida, or West Florida, do presume, upon any Pretence whatever, to grant Warrants of Survey, or pass any Patents for Lands beyond the bounds of their respective Governments, as described in their Commissions; as also that no Governor or Commander in Chief in any of Our other Colonies or Plantations in America, do presume for the present, and untill Our further pleasure be known, to grant Warrants of Survey, or pass Patents for any Lands beyond the Heads or Sources of any of the Rivers which fall into the Atlantick Ocean from the West and North West, or upon any Lands whatsoever, which, not having been ceded to, or Purchased by Us as aforesaid, are reserved to the said Indians, or any of them. And We do further declare it to be Our Royal Will and Pleasure, for the Present as aforesaid, to reserve under Our Sovereignty, Protection, and Dominion for the Use of the said Indians, all the Lands and Territories not included within the Limits of Our said Three New Governments, or within the Limits of the Territory granted to the Hudson's Bay Company, as also all the Lands and Territories lying to the Westward of the Sources of the Rivers which fall into the sea from the West and North West, as aforesaid; and We do hereby Strictly forbid on pain of Our displeasure, all Our Loving Subjects from making any Purchases or Settlements whatever, or taking Possession of any of the Lands above reserved, without Our especial Leave and Licence for that Purpose first Obtained, And We do further Strictly enjoin and require all Persons whatever, who have either wilfully or inadvertently Seated themselves upon any Lands within the Countries above described, or upon any other Lands, which, not having been Ceded to, or Purchased by Us, are still reserved to the said Indians as aforesaid, forthwith to remove themselves from such Settlements, And Whereas great Frauds and Abuses have been committed in the Purchasing Lands of the Indians, to the great Prejudice of Our Interests, and to the great Dissatisfaction of the said Indians; in order therefore to prevent such Irregularities for the future and to the End that the Indians may be convinced of Our Justice, and determined Resolution to remove all reasonable Cause of Discontent, We do, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, strictly enjoin and require, that no Private Person do Presume to

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