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and the Test, as the Oath for the due execution of their Places and Trust.

You are to communicate unto our said Councill from time to time such and so many of our Instructions as you shall find convenient for our service to be imparted unto them.

Our Will and Pleasure is that the Members of our Councill shall and may have and enjoy Freedome of Debate and Votes in all things to be debated of in Councill.

And although by our Commission aforesaid we have thought fit to direct that any three of our Councillors make a Quorum, It is nevertheless our Will and Pleasure that you do not act with a Quorum of less than Five Members unless upon extraordinary Emergencies.

And that we may be alwaies informed of the Names and characters of Persons fit to supply the vacancies of our said Councill, You are to transmitt unto Us, by one of our principall Secretarys of State and to the Lords of our Privy Councill, appointed a Committee of Trade and Plantations with all convenient speed, the names and characters of Twelve Persons inhabitants of our said Province whom you shall esteem the best qualified to succeed in that Trust and so from time to time when any of them shall dye, depart out of our said Province or become otherwise unfit, you are to nominate so many other Persons to Us in their stead. And in the choice and nomination of the members of our said Councill as also of the principall Officers, Iudges, Assistants, Iustices and Sheriffs you are always to take care that they be men of Estate and Ability and not necessitous people or much in Debt and that they be persons well affected to our Government.

You are not to suspend the Members of Our Councill without good and sufficient Cause and in case of suspension of any of them you are forthwith to transmit unto Us as aforesaid and to Our Committee for Trade and Plantations, your reasons for so doing together with the Charges and Proofs against the said Persons and their answers thereunto.

You are from time to time to send unto Us and to our said Committee, the Names and Qualitys of any Members by you put into our said Councill by the first conveniency after your so doing.

You are to transmit Authentick Copies under the publick Seale of all Lawes, Statutes, and Ordinances now in Force or which at any time shall be made and enacted within our said Province unto Us and our Committee for Trade and fforeign Plantations within three months or sooner after their being enacted together with duplicates thereof by the next conveyance upon pain of our Highest Displeasure and the forfeiture of that years, wherein you shall at any time or upon any pre-