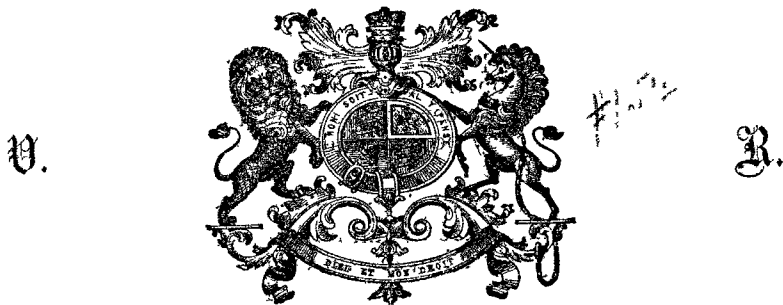


# BRITISH COLUMBIA.



## PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency, **JAMES DOUGLAS**, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of British Columbia, and its dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

**W**HEREAS, by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by a commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in conformity therewith I, **JAMES DOUGLAS**, Governor of the Colony, of British Columbia, have been authorized by Proclamation issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, to make Laws, Institutions and Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the same; and

Whereas, in many parts of British Columbia there is found to be great difficulty in procuring on proper occasions a sufficient number of British subjects to sit upon Grand and Pétit Juries;

And, Whereas many of the provisions of the statutes relating to the summoning and qualifications and disqualifications of Jurymen cannot be complied with in British Columbia, and it is expedient to make other provisions in respect thereof;

Now, therefore I, **JAMES DOUGLAS**, Governor of British Columbia, by virtue of the authority aforesaid, do proclaim, order, and enact as follows, (viz)

1st. The Acts of Parliament enumerated in the schedule hereto, and all other acts of Parliament (if any) in that behalf, shall, so far as the same relate to the qualification and summoning and returning of jurymen and challenging of jurymen except for favor, be repealed and of no further application in the said Colony.

2nd. It shall be lawful for the Sheriff or his Deputy or (in the absence of the Sheriff or his Deputy) for any other person empowered to act as Sheriff, as mentioned in the "Sheriff's Act," 1860, to summon in addition to such British subjects as he may be able conveniently to summon such additional Grand and Petty juries as he may think fit, to serve upon Grand and Petty juries, whether British subjects or not, without regard to any property qualification.

3rd. No challenge shall be permitted, save only challenge for favor.

4th. Twenty-four hours clear notice to any person so summoned to act on a jury shall be deemed sufficient notice.

5th. Every Jury in a criminal case shall be a good and sufficient jury provided the same shall consist of Twelve men at the least, not objected to by any party, or if objected to then if such jurymen be approved by the Judge.

6th. Where, on the trial of any civil case before the Supreme Court of Civil Justice, it shall be found, by reason of the paucity of Jurymen, or for any other cause that twelve men cannot be procured in a reasonable time, or without great inconvenience, shall be lawful for the Judge of said Court to certify the same under his hand and the Seal of his Court, and thereupon such trial may be had, and verdict given before the said Court and seven jurymen or any larger number:

7th. Lists of all jurymen summoned by any person appointed to act as Sheriff under the provisions of the "Sheriff's Act," 1860, shall be deposited with the Registrar, or person exercising the functions of Registrar in the said Court, and shall be by him communicated with all convenient speed to the High Sheriff of British Columbia, together with the order of court under which such acting as Sheriff was authorized.

8th. This Proclamation may, on all occasions be cited as the "Juror's Act 1860."

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and the twenty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS, [L.S.]

By Command of His Excellency,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

## GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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### SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

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| 1  | RICHARD. III., c. 4. | The whole  |
| 8  | H. VI., c. 9.        | do.  |
| 3  | H. VII., c. 1.       | do.  |
| 19 | H. VII., c. 13.      | do.  |
| 6  | GEO. IV., c. 50.     | So much as relates to the qualification,<br>summoning, returning of jurymen and the challenging of jurymen except for favor. |