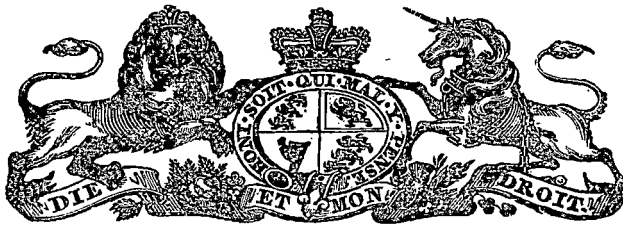


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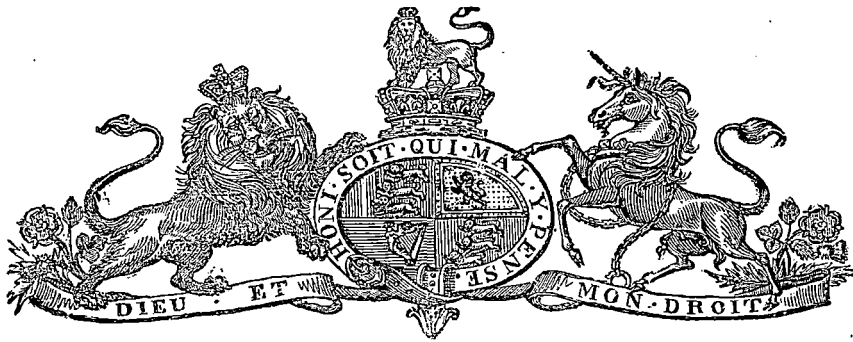
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SIR,

I HAVE recently had under my consideration, in its bearing on the Australian Colonies, the Clause of the Royal Instructions, which requires that no Governor should quit the Colony which he governs without obtaining leave from Her Majesty, under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, or through one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Although the climate of the Australian Colonies, generally, does not require that a Governor should absent himself from his Government for so long a period as becomes occasionally necessary in the Tropical Possessions of the Crown, yet, having regard to the relations which exist between those Colonies, and to the length of time which is required for communications with England, I am of opinion that a certain limited power of absenting themselves from their Governments, at such periods as the Public Service may allow, and of their visiting the adjacent Colonies and obtaining the advantage of a change of climate without the delay of obtaining a special permission from this Country, might be of advantage to the Public Service.

I have, therefore, submitted to the Queen my recommendation that the Governors of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies may be allowed, without in each case obtaining express leave from Her Majesty, to absent themselves from their Governments for the purpose of visiting any neighbouring Colony, for periods not exceeding one month at any one time, nor exceeding, in the aggregate, one month for every year's service in the Colony, arrangements being of course made that the Public Service shall suffer no injury during their absence, and half salary being paid as usual to the Officer administering the Government, in case the absence of the Governor shall exceed fourteen days.

This recommendation Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to adopt, and I am to authorise you to guide yourself accordingly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

BUCKINGHAM & CHANDOS.

Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.