

issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby to publish and declare to all our
 Loving Subjects, That we have with the Advice of our said Privy Council
 granted our Letters Patent under Our great Seal of Great Britain to erect
 within the Countries and Islands ceded and confirmed to Us by the said
 Treaty four distinct and separate Governments, stiled and called by the
 Names of Quebec, East Florida, West Florida and Grenada,
 and limited and bounded as follows

Firstly The Government of Quebec, bounded on the Labrador Coast
 by the River St John; and from thence by a line drawn from the Head of
 that River through the Lake St John to the South end of the Lake Michicouin;
 from whence the said line crossing the River St Lawrence and the Lake
 Champlain in forty six degrees of North Latitude passes along the High Lands
 which divide the Rivers that empty themselves into the said River St Lawrence
 from those which fall into the Sea; and also along the North Coast of the Bay
 des Chaleurs and the Coast of the Gulf of St Lawrence to Cape Rowles;
 and from thence crossing the Mouth of the River St Lawrence by the West End
 of the Island of Anticosti terminates at the aforesaid River of St John.

Secondly The Government of East Florida, bounded to the Westward
 by the Gulf of Mexico and the Apalachicola River; to the Northward by a
 line drawn from that part of the said River where the Chatahoochee and
 Flint Rivers meet, to the source of St Marys River; and by the Course of the
 said River to the Atlantic Ocean; and to the Eastward and Southward by
 the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Florida; including all Islands
 within six Leagues of the Sea Coast.

Thirdly the Government of West Florida bounded to the Southward
 by the Gulf of Mexico, including all Islands within six Leagues of the Coast
 from the River Apalachicola to Lake Pontchartrain; to the Westward by the
 said Lake, the Lake Maunipaw and the River Mississippi; to the Northward
 by a line drawn due East from that part of the River Mississippi which lies
 in thirty one degrees North Latitude to the River Apalachicola or Chatahoochee
 and to the Eastward by the said Rivers.

Fourthly the Government of Grenada comprehending the Island of
 that name, together with the Grenadines, and the Islands of Dominica
 St Vincent and Tobago.

And to the end that the open and free Fishery of our Subjects may be
 extended to and carried on upon the Coast of Labrador and the adjacent Islands
 we have thought fit with the Advice of our said Privy Council to put all that
 Coast from the River St John's to Hudsons Straights together with the Islands
 of Anticosti, Madelaine and all other smaller Islands lying upon the said
 Coast, under the Care and Inspection of our Governor of Newfoundland.

We have also with the Advice of our Privy Council thought fit to annex the
 Islands of St John's and Cape Breton or Ile Royale, with the lesser Islands
 adjacent

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Secondly, The Government of East Florida, bounded to the Westward by the Gulph of Mexico and the Apalachicola River; to the Northward by a Line drawn from that Part of the said River where the Chatabouchee and Flint Rivers meet, to the Source of St Mary's River; and by the Course of the said River to the Atlantick Ocean; and to the Eastward and Southward by the Atlantick Ocean and the Gulph of Florida, including all Islands within Six Leagues of the Sea Coast.

Thirdly the Government of West Florida bounded to the Southward by the Gulph of Mexico, including all Islands within Six Leagues of the Coast from the River Apalachicola to Lake Pentchartrain; to the Westward by said Lake, the Lake Mauripas and the River Mississippi; to the Northward by a Line drawn due

East from that part of the River Mississippi which lies in thirty one degrees North Latitude, to the River Apalachicola or Chatabouchee and to the Eastward by the said Rivers.

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And to the end that the open and free Fishery of our Subjects may be extended to and carried on upon the Coast of Labrador and the ancient adjacent Islands We have thought fit with the Advice of our Said Privy Council to put all that Coast from the River St. John's to Hudson's Straight together with the Islands of Anticosti, Madelaine, and all other Smaller Islands lying upon the said Coast, under the Care and Inspection of our Governor of Newfoundland.

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