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Salary to the Governor in Chief . . Oliver . .	£1200 . .	- -
Chief Justice Leonard . .	100 . .	- -
Attorney General	100 . .	- -
Secretary and Register	100 . .	- -
Clerk of the Council Dr. Califf . .	50 . .	- -
Receiver General of Quit Rents & Casual Revenue	100 . .	- -
Surveyor of Lands	100 . .	- -
Provost Marshal or Sheriff	100 . .	- -
Agent	Nothing	
4 Ministers of the Church of England	400 . .	- -
A Vicar General in addition	200 . .	- -
Contingent Expenses	1000 . .	- -
	3750 . .	- -
Salaries to the 12 Counsellors	1200 . .	- -
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	4,950	