The Royal Proclamation of 1763 reasserted the role of royal governors to the colonists:

*… our loving Subjects should be informed of our Paternal care, for the security of the Liberties and Properties of those who are and shall become Inhabitants thereof … We have also given Power to the said Governors, with the consent of our Said Councils, and the Representatives of the People so to be summoned as aforesaid, to make, constitute, and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances for the Public Peace, Welfare, and good Government of our said Colonies, and of the People and Inhabitants thereof, as near as may be agreeable to the Laws of England …*

*GOD SAVE THE KING*

**Focus question 2.1**

With this royal proclamation in mind, would you think colonial governors put their colony or the ‘motherland’ first? Discuss with a partner.