

VI.—Whenever a Lot is supposed to contain less than the quantity of Acres mentioned in the printed List, the purchaser or party interested is to furnish the Agent with a Certificate and Plan of Survey showing the exact contents of the Lot, which is to be transmitted to the Department for consideration.

VII.—In all the Lists of Crown Lands advertised for Sale, a notice of not less than 30 days is given, before the expiration of which no Sale can be effected; and no adjudication should be made before 10 o'clock, A.M., of the day of Sale.

VIII.—It may therefore happen that on or previously to the day and hour appointed, applications may be made by more than one person for the same Lot. In such cases, the Lots so applied for will have forthwith to be put up to public auction, beginning at the fixed price and adjudged to the highest bidder; unless one of the applicants be in possession with improvements and has satisfied the Agent thereof, when he should be preferred and the lot sold to him. The Sale however of such Lots may be postponed to some future time, should it be found necessary or more convenient to do so, on giving notice to that effect in the neighbouring places, and particularly to the applicants, who ought to be notified by letter if possible.

IX.—All persons will be admitted to bid at the public Sales. Should the last bidder not pay within one half hour after adjudication, and that from the disproportion between his bid and the preceding one, or from other causes, there should be reason to suspect collusion or a design to prevent fair competition, the sale may be declared null and void, and the Lot put up again either instantly or on a future day, by giving notice to that effect.

X.—The Agents are authorised on such occasions to refuse any exorbitant bid unless the whole of the Purchase Money be immediately deposited. And as the above precautionary measures will be insisted upon, they should be announced publicly before the Sale.

XI.—The Sale of Village Lots, when disposed of by Auction, will be regulated by the same conditions.

XII.—No direct or even vague sufferance or permission is to be given which might authorize persons to settle themselves provisionally on Public Lands.

XIII.—No advice is to be given by the Agents on the choice of Lots, they are merely to point out which are vacant: misunderstandings on those points might expose the Department to a useless or even disagreeable correspondence.

XIV.—Squatters and others in the unauthorized possession of Public Lands should be informed, whenever an opportunity presents itself, that such possession gives them no right; and that the only way for them to secure the property thereof is to purchase them at once. No Lot with any considerable improvements on the same, of which the Agent is aware, or has had notice, should be sold to any other than the occupant, without first communicating with the Department on the subject.

XV.—Whenever it shall appear that a Lot put on Sale should be withdrawn from the list for further consideration, either on account of some special claim or from its containing Mines, Quarries, or other particular productions, or from its being likely to be required for Military or other Public Works, or from its affording important sites for Villages, Mills, or Manufactories, or lastly, from its having been previously disposed of, the Agents are authorized and required provisionally to withdraw such Lot from the list of Lands for Sale, and to inform this Department of the same, accompanying the information with the necessary details.

XVI.—Sales of Crown Lands, ~~NOT ADVERTISED~~ may be sanctioned to occupants or to parties who, from the peculiar position of the Land, would be injured by the Sale of it to others, on special application to that effect being made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

XVII.—Whenever a Sale is so made, allowing the applicant to purchase at a valuation, the cost of valuation or inspection must be borne by the party interested; when paid the Sale may be carried out subject to the approval of the Department. At the same time a reason is to be assigned for the valuation fixed.

XVIII.—As it often occurs that persons who have obtained Orders in Council or adjudications to purchase remain satisfied with the security to the land which it confers, and delay completing the Sale, it is to be understood that interest on the purchase Money is to be charged from the date of the order or adjudication, if not otherwise stated.