

copy of the minutes of their proceedings during that period, under the signature of three or more members of the board, together with the petitions reported upon, whether rejected or recommended, subject to the final approbation, disallowance or order of the Governor in council upon every such case; after the receipt of which approbation or order the boards are hereby authorised to pledge the faith of Government to the respective petitioners, for the grants of the tracts therein to be specified, by issuing certificates of occupation to them under their signature, agreeable to such form as the Governor shall be pleased to direct.

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Regulations of the
Land Granting
Department.

VII. The boards are to take due care that a sufficient space of country be always previously laid out for comprehending all locations, which, in their judgment, may probably be ordered from time to time, under these or any other orders or instructions, in townships contiguous to each other, and according to the general rules and regulations, in such parts of their respective districts as contain vacant lands of the Crown, the settlement of which shall have been approved of, upon their timely representations to the Governor, to whom they are likewise to state all doubts and difficulties which may occur, with their opinion of the proper course for removing them, that there may be no obstruction to the industry, ease, and comfort of the loyalists.

His Lordship, taking the said regulations into consideration, was pleased, with the advice of the council, to approve the same, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that they be duly and punctually complied with and carried into execution, whereof the different land-office boards, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

J. Williams, C. C.

(5.)—EXTRACTS from the Rules and Regulations for the Land Department, dated at Quebec, the 20th of January 1790.

At a Council holden at Quebec, on Wednesday, the 20th January 1790.

Present, His Excellency Lord Dorchester, Governor; the Honourable William Smith, Esq., Chief Justice; the Hon. Hugh Finlay; the Hon. Edward Harrison; the Hon. John Collins; the Hon. J. G. C. Delery; G. Pownall, Esq., H. Caldwell, Esq., William Grant, Esq., Charles de Lanaudiere, Esq., Le Cte. Dupre, Esq.

Extracts from Rules
and Regulations
relating to Land
Department.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the board the following extract from a report of the committee of the whole council, respecting the schedules of locations in Lunenburg and Mecklenburg; viz.

Read a letter from his Lordship, by Mr. Secretary Motz, with its enclosures, in these words:

Sir,

Quebec, 9 January 1790.

The 42d article of the royal instructions of the 3d of August 1786, requiring that all persons applying for lands shall take the oaths directed by law and subscribe the declaration mentioned in the said article, I have it in command to signify Lord Dorchester's desire that the committee of the whole council, to whom was referred the report of the land committee on the schedules of locations exhibited by the surveyor-general's office, cause inquiry to be made whether the proper records be extant of all or any of the persons therein mentioned, having taken and subscribed the said oaths and declarations, and that they report to his Lordship whether it may not be advisable, on transmitting the said schedules to the respective boards, to direct them to take course for completing the record of the signatures of all landholders in the respective districts; if it shall be found defective, that nothing may be neglected to clear the way for the loyalists being put into possession of legal titles for their lands, agreeable to His Majesty's expected instructions, as soon as they shall arrive.

His Lordship also commands me to transmit to you divers extracts from public letters, as connected with the general subject of your deliberations upon the present reference, and to signify his desire that the committee make it a part of their report in what way their contents may best subserve the end of giving comfort and tranquillity to the loyalists, and encouraging and strengthening the western settlements and frontiers.

I am, &c.

Henry Motz.

The Hon. William Smith, Esq.
President to the Hon. His Majesty's Council for the
Province of Quebec.

EXTRACT of a Letter from the Right Hon. Lord North, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to his Excellency Governor *Haldimand*, dated Whitehall, 24 July 1783.

AND as a part of that instruction directs that all persons whatever, upon their application for lands, besides taking the usual oaths as directed by law, shall make and subscribe a declaration acknowledging His Majesty in Parliament to be the supreme Legislature of the province, I think it necessary to observe to you that the declaration, however general, cannot extend to taxation, Parliament having, by the Act of the 18th of His present Majesty, intitled, "An Act for removing all doubts and apprehension concerning Taxation by the

Parliament