

that the person to whom it is to be given has not previously received any land from government, and that he does not possess any by purchase or otherwise. Those persons whose applications he shall approve of shall be entitled to receive tickets according to the following scale : viz.

Unmarried men for	-	-	-	-	100 acres.
Married men for	-	-	-	-	200 -

He will acquaint all persons to whom he may grant these tickets, that they must proceed forthwith to the cultivation of the land allotted to them ; and that they will on no account be confirmed in the possession of their respective lots by grant, until they shall be fairly settled, and have erected houses thereon.

7th. He will transmit on the 1st of every month to the provincial secretary, to be laid before the governor, a list of the persons to whom he may grant tickets under this authority. Upon which warrants will issue, and grants follow in due course, if government be satisfied that the original possessors of such tickets are absolutely cultivating their lands, and living on their respective lots.

8th. He will particularly make known the above conditions to all persons who may apply to him for lands, and further explain to them, that to make the taking out of grants as easy as possible to poor settlers, three, four, or even five of them may be included in one grant (should they be disposed to join together) by which means the fees will be but trifling, and the titles to their respective lots will be equally good and valid in law, as if they had each a separate grant.

9th. All petitions from persons, whose circumstances and situations in life do not require an immediate settlement, must be transmitted to the provincial secretary at Halifax, for the governor and council to decide upon, with a certificate from Mr. Crawley attached to each petition, stating that the lands applied for are ungranted, and at the disposal of the crown.

10th. In all petitions the lots of land applied for must be particularly specified, or as nearly so as possible, as no general warrant of survey will be granted to any person ; and the invariable condition will be immediate settlement on the lands.

11th. While every possible protection and encouragement will be thus extended to real settlers, and every facility afforded them of acquiring titles to their lands by grant,, at no great expense government is at the same time determined to discourage, and if possible to put an end to land jobbing of every description ; and Mr. Crawley is especially charged to report every transaction of the kind that comes to his knowledge.

12th. No warrant of survey will be renewed at the expiration of six months, unless it is clearly proved by a certificate from the surveyor general, that their non-completion has not arisen from any neglect or inattention of the persons that received them.

(signed) *James Kempt.*

N° 17.—Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant General Sir James Kempt, G. C. B. to the Earl Bathurst, K. G. dated Halifax, 26th March 1821.

It will afford your lordship satisfaction to hear that every thing is going on well in Cape Breton. A weekly post communication is established with Sydney, and the public business is transacted with regularity and dispatch. The legislature, in the present session, have voted 1,000*l.* for roads and bridges in the island, a boon which is duly appreciated by the inhabitants, as well as the arrangement formerly communicated to your lordship of inserting five persons in one grant of land. In addition to these benefits, no fees have been charged for the many new commissions that it became necessary to issue for the appointment of magistrates, militia officers, and other local situations, on the re-annexation of the island to this province. In short, the people, though generally poor, are represented to me as being contented, thriving, and happy, with the exception of a few individuals resident about Sydney.