

APPENDIX B.

PROCLAMATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR OF LOWER CANADA 1792-1815

A PROCLAMATION

TO SUCH AS ARE DESIROUS TO SETTLE ON THE LANDS OF THE CROWN IN THE PROVINCE OF
LOWER CANADA

By His Excellency Alured Clarke, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the said Province, and Major General of His Majesty's Forces, &c. &c. &c.

Be it known to all concerned, that His Majesty hath by His Royal Commission and Instructions to the Governor, and in his absence to the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government for the time being of the said Province of Lower Canada, given Authority and Command to grant the Lands of the Crown in the same by Patent under the Great Seal thereof; and it being expedient to publish and declare the Royal Intention respecting such Grants and Patents, I do accordingly hereby make known the Terms of Grant and Settlement to be:

First. That the Crown Lands to be granted be parcel of a Township: If an inland Township, of Ten Miles square, and if a Township on navigable Waters, of Nine Miles in Front and Twelve Miles in Depth, to be run out and marked by His Majesty's Surveyor or Deputy Surveyor General, or under his sanction and authority.

Second. That only such part of the Township be granted as shall remain, after a reservation of one seventh part thereof for the support of a Protestant Clergy, and one other seventh part thereof, for the future disposition of the Crown.

Third. That no Farm Lot shall be granted to any one person which shall contain more than two hundred acres; yet the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, is allowed and permitted to grant to any person or persons such further quantity of Land as they may desire, not exceeding one thousand acres over and above what may have been before granted to them.

Fourth. That every Petitioner for Lands make it appear, that he or she is in a condition to cultivate and improve the same, and shall besides taking the usual Oaths, subscribe a Declaration (before proper persons to be for that purpose appointed) of the tenor of the words following, viz. "I A.B. do promise and declare that I will maintain and defend to the utmost of my power the authority of the King in His Parliament as the supreme Legislature of this Province."

Fifth. That applications for Grants be made by petition to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government for the time being, and where it is advisable to grant the Prayer thereof a Warrant shall issue to the proper Officer for a survey thereof, returnable within six months with a Plot annexed, and be followed with a Patent granting the same, if desired, in Free and Common Socage, upon the terms and conditions in the Royal Instructions expressed, and herein after suggested.

Sixth. That all Grants reserve to the Crown all Coals, commonly called Sea Coals, and Mines of Gold, Silver, Copper, Tin, Iron, and Lead; and each Patent contain a clause for the reservation of Timber for the Royal Navy of the tenor following:

"And provided also, that no part of the tract or parcel of Land hereby granted to the said and his heirs, be within any Reservation heretofore made and marked for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by Our Surveyor General of Woods, or his lawful Deputy; in which case, this Our Grant for such part of the Land hereby given and granted to the said and his heirs for ever as aforesaid, and which shall upon a