DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,

QUEBRO, DECHMERE 20, 1859.

GRNERAL INSTRUCTIONS to the District or Resident Agents of

Department of Oroion Lands for Lower Canada.

AGENTS DUTIES.

I.—The duties of the local Agents of this Department consist, in selling such of the Grown, (Uergy, or other public Lands as may from time to time be placed at their disposal, collecting instalments on former Sales, as well as rents now or hereafter to become due on lots given on lease, or sold on quit-root.

II.-They are to perform, in addition to the duties prescribed by the Land Act, such inspection and other special services and give such information as may be required of them by the Governor of the Province or by this Department.

117.—It is their duty to see that no dopredations or trespasses are committed on the Lands, woods, minos, ores, quarries or other property of the Crown and Clergy, to prevent such trespasses as far as may be in their power and in all cases to give information of the same to this Department.

IV.—They are also expected to give applicants generally such advice and information as they are enabled to afford (not of a confidential nature) respecting the sales and grants of publi-Lands. But any direct or indirect understanding on their part for participating in the benefacclaimed by individuals, any receipt of money for their own benefat, no matter from whom, to seen to the parties the obtaining of any lot of Land, would subject them to the loss of their situation as would also all speculation in land within their Agency not actually under Patent.

V.—In many particular cases the valuing of certain lots improved or not, is imposed on this Department, a duty however which it can only accomplish through its sub-delegates. The responsibility in these cases resting entirely with the local Agents, they are to proceed to this valuation with much attention and cantion, avoiding all favor or acception of persons, and avoi hag equally too high a valuation which might doter or overeinarge purchasers, or too low a one which would dominish the fair proceeds of the public property.

VI.—In the inspecting and valuing of the parcels of Land resorved for villages and surveyed in small lots, they are to be guided, not by the average price of Land per acre, but by the particular circumstances which have induced the laying apart those tracts, and which have reference to their present state, by the resources which they hold out and the object of their establishment. The improvements which may exist on any of those lots are to be valued separately.

SALES OF CROWN LANDS.

I,-Not more than 200 acres of Land in sub-divided Townships to be sold to one person.

11.—All Lands sold, whether Urown or Clergy, (except in special cases) to be subject to conditions of actual settlement as required by the regulations of 18th January last, and to be puid in five equal sumual instalments with interest from date of sale.

III.—The Sales of Crown Lands are strictly to be confined to the Lots put on Sale and inserted in the lists or tables already or hereafter to be published, with copies of which the Resident Agents are furnished; any occasional deviation from this rule will be made known in a special manuer

IV.-The Lots are to be sold under existing Regulations at the contents and prices specified in the lists to the first applicants who offer payment under existing Regulations. No application to purchase is to be entertained nuless accompanied with the required instalment:

V.-Broken or irregular Lots are not to be divided, unless the applicants furnish at their own cost a Plan or Certificate of Survey of the portion they require to be transmitted to the Department for appreval.