

required by your lordship, and making such arrangements on the spot as might appear to me to be necessary.

I am just returned from thence, after an absence of sixteen days, having visited in that time Sydney, Louisbourg, and Arichat, the principal places in the island.

The re-annexation of Cape Breton to the province of Nova Scotia was officially proclaimed at Sydney on the 16th instant; and I have great satisfaction in reporting to your lordship, that the government appears to have been administered with great prudence and discretion by Captain Stewart, from the period of General Ainslie's departure to the re-annexation taking place.

When at Sydney, I made myself acquainted with the several ordinances passed by the governor and council of Cape Breton, for the government of that colony, and there will be no difficulty I think in applying to that island the laws actually applicable to the other parts of Nova Scotia. The legislature will meet on the 12th of December next, and I shall not fail to recommend to their immediate attention the measures necessary to be adopted on the occasion.

When the Nova Scotia laws are put in operation in Cape Breton, the services of the chief justice, and all the other subordinate officers of justice, may be altogether dispensed with.

N° 16. —Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant General Sir James Kempt, G. C. B. to the Earl Bathurst, K. G. dated Halifax, 10th November 1820.

(One Enclosure.)

With reference to my dispatch dated the 31st of last month, I have now the honour to transmit, for your Lordship's information, a copy of the instructions given by me to the surveyor general of Cape Breton, of which I trust your Lordship will approve. The authority given him to locate emigrants and other poor settlers under the conditions specified in the instructions, is an arrangement similar to that made by my predecessor Lord Dalhousie in this province, and continued by me, and the extension of it to Cape Breton will give great satisfaction, I have reason to believe, by affording facilities to real settlers in acquiring lands, and promote thereby the speedy settlement of that island.

Instructions for Captain Crawley, Surveyor General of Cape Breton.

1st. Captain Crawley will continue to fill the office of surveyor general of Cape Breton, reporting either direct to the governor, or to the surveyor general of the province, as he may be instructed.

2d. He will appoint one deputy in each district of the island, selecting for this important trust men of good character, who are sufficiently qualified for the situation, and upon whose integrity he can place a reliance.

3d. He will take measures for laying off into lots of 100 acres and 200 acres, tracts of land in the situations most sought after by settlers, so as to have always a sufficient number of lots ready prepared for immediate settlement.

4th. In all lands laid out on lakes and shores, he will take care that a reservation is made for a road of sufficient breadth to pass along the front of the lots bordering on the lakes in the direction that may be found the most convenient for a public road; he will also take care that a due reservation for public roads is made in all other situations, so that good and convenient communications may be established throughout the different settlements in the country.

5th. The lots are invariably to be laid off according to the King's instructions, and with their narrowest part on all roads, rivers and lakes.

6th. That emigrants arriving from the United Kingdom, and other poor persons (being the subjects of His Majesty), who are desirous of obtaining lands in Cape Breton may have every facility afforded them of obtaining an immediate settlement, with the least possible trouble and expense, Captain Crawley is authorized to grant tickets of location to such persons as upon a careful inquiry into their character and circumstances he shall consider as likely to make good settlers, and to be faithful and loyal subjects of His Majesty. He is vested with this important and extensive authority, in the entire confidence that he will exercise it with prudence and discretion, and strict impartiality; in acting under it, he will particularly observe the following instructions; before granting a ticket of location, he must be certain that