

otherwise, may be best calculated; and to such sober and industrious mechanics whose trades are most necessary to the convenience of the township in general; and the boards are to be particularly careful to discountenance frivolous applications, and not to authorize any transfers of unimproved town-lots and town-parks, which only tend to create a mischievous monopoly of the ground; nor shall any town-parks be granted separately from town-lots, the former being intended for the convenience of the settlers upon the latter; and a failure in the condition upon which the town-lots are granted, shall operate in the forfeiture of both.

X. Nothing contained in the foregoing rules and regulations shall be construed to prevent the surveyor-general, or deputy surveyor-general, from the execution of their duty and instructions, in whatever part of the province either of them may be present; nor to extend to the abolition, relaxation, or restriction of the accustomed chain of duty or official intercourse between the surveyor-general's-office and its agents or deputy-surveyors respectively, in any part of the province.

By command of his Excellency the Governor,

*J. Williams.*

(3.)

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

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

WHEREAS there was this day read at the board the following draft of regulations, recommended by a committee of the whole council, in their report dated the 12th instant, on a report of the land committee, dated the 4th December 1789; viz.

Second Addition to the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the Land-office Department.

Whereas the establishment of a uniform, clear, and expeditious course of proceeding in the land-granting department, the late measures for settling the waste lands of the Crown considered, as important to the interests of the Crown as well as the subject, particularly as the means of preventing uneasiness that may arise on a question of so delicate a nature as the extent of the promised faith of Government on the one hand, and the security of the settler or occupant claiming lands on the other; It is therefore ordered:

I. That the several boards which are or hereafter may be constituted by the government, for the disposal of the waste lands of the Crown, in any part of the province, keep a regular journal of their transactions, prefixing to every day's entries the date and the names of the members present.

II. That the minute, upon every petition, express the name and prayer of the petitioner, and show the nature of the proof exhibited in support of his pretensions, and the determination thereon.

III. That all orders or instructions given to the boards, be entered at large on their minutes, for preserving a complete record, both of their authorities and proceedings.

IV. That a full and fair copy of such journals be transmitted every three months or oftener, as the case may require, to the office of the governor's secretary, under the signature of three or more members of the board, together with all the petitions therein reported upon, whether granted, rejected or recommended.

V. That the copies of the said journal or minutes be accompanied, or followed, by regular returns of the locations made from time to time, by the acting surveyors of the respective districts, under the authority of the boards, expressing the name of the grantee, the number of acres located, the number of the lots, and the name of the township, and the date of the certificate or authority of the board under which the location was made.

VI. That all reports, journals, writings and papers of any kind whatever touching the business of the land-office department, and coming to the council-office, as the proper deposit, be kept by the clerk of the council separate from all the other books, writings and papers in his office, and that they be so disposed of as to make a resort to them at all times as easy and satisfactory as possible; and that whenever the mass of the land-office papers shall be so greatly increased as to embarrass the daily ordinary researches, they be put up into boxes of convenient sizes, numbered, and that there be a book kept for an alphabetical index, showing in the readiest manner the contents of each box, and that every paper be marked with the number of the box, to the end that it may be restored to its proper place, and confusion be thereby avoided; and it is committed to the land-committee for the time being to superintend the execution of the latter part of this order, and to report what may be done thereon, for directing such further course as the case may require.

And it is also ordered, that the said book or index be always open to public access in the council-office, and a copy ready for the call of any committee of the council, and especially of the land-committee, together with such additions as may be thereunto made by the increase of the number of boxes.

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