

No. 1.
Regulations of the
Land Granting
Department.

who might probably find employment in different districts, the prices of provisions and the rate of wages." These papers I have laid before the commissioners of emigration, who will, I trust, shortly be able to publish, for general information, an abstract of the statements upon these topics furnished by yourself and by the governors of the other North American colonies.

If, contrary to all expectation, the natural demand for labour in the province should leave a greater number of persons unemployed than you can find profitable work for on the roads, you may possibly be under the necessity of employing the remainder in clearing and cultivating the land; it would be to be regretted if such a necessity should arise, but even in that case I should not be induced to depart from the general rule which I have laid down by establishing emigrants as proprietors on land of their own, before they are able to support themselves without assistance.

(D.)—No. 5.

EXTRACTS of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-governor, dated Downing-street, 1 January 1833.

WHEN, therefore, I approved the settlement of poor emigrants, reported in some of your despatches of last year, and adverted to in your despatch, No. 24, of the 4th of May last, I proceeded on the supposition that the parties could not possibly have been provided for in any other way. I by no means proceeded on an assent to the doctrine suggested in your despatch of the 4th May, that as every industrious emigrant can in two years become an owner of land, it is better for the province that he should commence immediately on his own property.

I object to it as it affects the welfare of the colony, because, as I have stated, to the good of every society a supply of labour and a division of employment must be indispensable. For these reasons I have to desire that in future no one class of emigrants may be allowed to acquire lands on more favourable terms than another, but that all be required alike to make their purchases at sales where the lands shall be put up at a minimum price; and that those emigrants who may not be able to pay the price shall be left to work for themselves at wages until they can earn the means of buying in accordance with established regulations. The only events in which I could sanction an exception in favour of indigent emigrants would be the case of there being no other possible means of providing for their subsistence than by their settlement on land.

(D.)—No. 6.

COPY of Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(No. 17.)

Sir,

Downing-street, 1 July 1833.

Extract of Des-
patch.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 54, of the 4th of December last, containing various applications for grants of land in consideration of military services performed in Upper Canada. I have no doubt of the merit of the individuals whose cases are thus brought under my notice, but considering the very important grounds on which the present system with respect to the disposal of the Crown lands has been adopted, I cannot sanction a departure from it in order to comply with the requests of the gentlemen whose memorials you have forwarded on the present occasion.

I have, &c.

(signed) E. G. Stanley.

ADDRESS to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor for Despatches and Communications relating to Settlement of the Province.

To his Excellency Sir John Colborne, &c. &c.

Address to his
Excellency for
further information.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the commons of Upper Canada in provincial Parliament assembled, request that your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, with as little delay as possible, all despatches or other communications from the executive government of this province to His Majesty's Government since the first settlement of the province, as also from the King's Government to the government of this province, relating to the granting or sale of lands to any person or persons whatever, together with all orders in council relating to the same subject that are not contained in the documents accompanying the message of your Excellency to this House relative to the granting and sale of lands.