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Expende ; Provided however that only one half of the Usual and accustomed Fees of Office shall be allowed to our said Surveyor General or any other of Our Officers in the said Province entitled thereunto upon any Survey or Allotment made, or upon Admission into any Lands by virtue of this our Instruction

And whereas We have some time since purchased the Seigneurie of Sorel from the then Proprietors,¹ the Lands of which are particularly well adapted for Improvement and Cultivation, and the local situation of the said Seigneurie makes it expedient that the same should be settled by as considerable a number of Inhabitants of approved Loyalty as can be accommodated therein with all possible dispatch.

It is therefore our Will and pleasure that you do cause all such Lands within the same as are undisposed of, to be run out into small allotments, and that you do all]lot the same to such of the Non Commissioned Officers and private Men of our Forces, which may be reduced in Our said Province, or such other of Our Loyal Subjects as may be inclined to settle and improve the same, in such proportions as you may Judge the most conducive to their Interest and the more speedy settlement of our said Seigneurie The Lands so allot[t]ed to be held of Us our Heirs and Successors, Seigneurs of Sorel upon the same conditions and under the same reserved rent at the expiration of ten years, as the other Tenants of the Seigneurie now hold their Lands and pay to Us, and also of taking the Oaths and making and subscribing the declaration as herein before is mentioned and directed. The Expende of making the said allotments and Admission thereunto to be also paid and defrayed in like manner as those in the Seigneuries directed to be laid out by this our Instruction.

And it is Our Will and pleasure that a Record be kept in the Office of the Receiver General of our Revenue of every admission into Lands as well as by virtue of this our Instruction, as in cases of future Admission by Alienation or otherwise, a Docquet of which shall be transmitted yearly to Us thro' one of our principal Secretary's of State, and also a Duplicate thereof to Our High Treasurer or the Commissioners of our Treasury for the time being.

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¹ After considerable negotiation, the Seigniorie of Sorel, which commanded the highway between Canada and the southern colonies recently acknowledged as independent, was purchased by Governor Haldimand for the Crown, in 1780, at a cost of £3,000 Stg. See Haldimand Papers, B 55, p. 4.