

INSTRUCTIONS TO EMIGRANT AGENTS.

Passed in Council, December 9, 1856.

1. Each emigrant agent in New Brunswick will open an office, in some convenient situation, in the district for which he is appointed, and attend therein.
2. At sea-ports, the emigrant agent will superintend the arrival of passengers by sea, and perform all the duties of emigration officer, under the provisions of the Imperial Passengers Act. He will protect emigrants against fraud or imposition, and obtain redress for them, when they have sustained oppression or injury.
3. It will be the duty of the emigrant agent to afford gratuitously to emigrants, every assistance in his power, by way of advice and information, as to obtaining employment, or as to purchasing land and becoming settlers. He will also furnish information and advice to persons that are making arrangements for bringing over their friends from Europe.
4. The emigrant agent is hereby charged with the duty of carrying out the "Regulations for facilitating the Sale of Crown Lands to actual Settlers," to which he will give special attention. He will be furnished by the crown land department with diagrams of the lots in his district, struck off to him at public auction, as purchaser for the time being. He will dispose of these lots by private sale, at the upset price of two shillings and sixpence currency per acre, to intending settlers, in the order of their several applications. He will sell no more than one hundred acres, nor less than fifty acres, to any one person.
5. Upon receiving the deposit receipt from a purchaser, he will forward the same to the Surveyor General, with a description of the lot, or part of a lot, sold.
6. When one half of a tract selected for settlement shall be sold to settlers, the emigrant agent will, without delay, give notice thereof to the Surveyor General, in order that another tract may be brought forward for sale.
7. At the expiration of one year from the date of purchase of each lot, it will be the special duty of the emigrant agent to ascertain, by personal inspection or otherwise, whether the conditions of sale have been fulfilled. This duty he will in no case neglect; and he will proceed therein, as directed by the 11th article of the regulations above-named.
8. The emigrant agent will open a registry of farms and private lands for sale in his district, such registry to contain a description of the property for sale, its situation, and price. He will also open a "Labour Registry," in which he will enter the applications of all persons seeking employment, as well as the applications of those who need workmen, servants, or labourers. He will, in addition, collect information as to the amount and description of labour required in his district; he will transmit the same monthly to the Surveyor General, with a list and description of the farms and private lands for sale in his district, and state their price, with the facilities for reaching them. He will at the same time furnish to the Surveyor General any other information of interest respecting his district, especially as regards the progress of the settlement, and the erection of churches, school houses, and mills, therein.
9. The information received from each emigration agent by the Surveyor General, will be transmitted by him without delay to all the other