

pared to say that there may not be cases in which this rule may be in a certain degree modified. In the cases of persons in the staff corps, for instance, who have been employed in the construction of canals and Government works, and also of soldiers who have been discharged from regiments serving in the province, it may not be improper that some small grant should be made. The previous residence of such persons in the colony, and the experience which they may have had the means of acquiring of the mode of life of a settler, may justify a reward for their former services, which would not be attended with public inconvenience. But on no account should grants of this description be sanctioned to an extent which would place the lands of the Crown in any quantities in the hands of persons who have not the means at their disposal of bringing them into cultivation, and who may be again tempted to throw them into the market, to the deterioration of the property belonging to the Crown.

I have, &c.

(signed) *E. G. Stanley.*

—No. 23.—

COPY of a LETTER from Mr. Under Secretary *Hay* to Major-general Sir *John Colborne*, K. C. B., dated Downing-street, 29 June 1833.

Sir,

WITH reference to your despatch, No. 18, of the 26th March last, enclosing a petition from some of the pensioners in the Newcastle district, praying for assistance, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Stanley to acquaint you, that as it appears from a communication which has been received from the Secretary at War, that these pensioners have already had all that the law allows in commutation of their pensions, no further assistance can be afforded them.

R. W. Hay, Esq. to
Sir J. Colborne,
29 June 1833.

I have, &c.

(signed) *R. W. Hay.*

—No. 24.—

COPY of a CIRCULAR DESPATCH from Mr. Secretary *Spring Rice* to Lord *Aylmer*.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 14 August 1834.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by my directions to the Deputy Secretary at War, and of the reply, by which you will observe that free grants of land are no longer to be made to discharged soldiers. The single and temporary exception to this rule will be, in the case of men of the Sappers and Miners employed on the Rideau Canal, to whom a special expectation of grants of lands appears to have been held out in 1829, and who must therefore be allowed a twelvemonth in which to advance their claims, before they be finally barred, in conformity with the general arrangement now adopted. I enclose, for your information and guidance, the copy of a letter from the Ordnance Department on this subject.

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I have the honour further to transmit to you the enclosed copies of communications, which I have caused to be addressed to the Military Secretary, to the General commanding in chief, and to the Secretary to the Admiralty, as well as of the Regulations which have consequently been issued, respecting the privileges allowed to officers of the army and navy in acquiring land in the colonies.

As the principles on which the measures embodied in these several letters clearly appear from the documents themselves, and indeed have formed a subject of frequent explanation and remark in the correspondence between this department and your government, it is only necessary for me to desire that your Lordship will guide yourself according to the rules now laid down, which I hope you will find adapted, in many respects, to meet such difficulties in detail as have