

and Soldiers to people Nova Scotia.

the better peopling and settling the said province, and extending and improving the fishery thereof, by granting lands within the same, and giving other encouragements to such of the officers and private men, lately dismissed his majesty's land and sea service, as shall be willing to settle in the said province: And his majesty having signified his royal approbation of the purport of the said proposals, the right honourable the lords commissioners for trade and plantations do, by his majesty's command, give notice, that proper encouragement will be given to such of the officers and private men lately dismissed his majesty's land and sea service, as are willing to accept of grants of land, and to settle with or without families in the province of *Nova Scotia*.

That 50 acres of land will be granted in fee-simple to every private soldier, or seaman, free from the payment of any quit-rents or taxes, for the term of ten years; at the expiration whereof, no person to pay more than 1 s. per Ann. for every 50 acres so granted.

That a grant of 10 acres, over and above the said 50 acres, will be made to each private soldier or seaman having a family, for every person, including women and children, of which his family shall consist; and further grants made to them, on the like conditions, as their families shall encrease, or in proportion to their abilities to cultivate the same.

That 80 acres, on like conditions, will be granted to every officer under the rank of ensign in the land service, and that of lieutenant in the sea service; and to such as have families, 15 acres, over and above the said 80 acres, for every person of which their family shall consist.

That 200 acres, on like conditions, will be granted to every ensign, 300 to every lieutenant, 400 to every captain, and 600 to every officer above the rank of captain in the land service, as also the like quantity of 400 acres, and on the like conditions, to every lieutenant in the sea service, and 600 acres to every captain; and to such of the abovementioned officers as have families, a further grant of 30 acres will be made, over and above their respective quotas, for every person of which their families shall consist.

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the liberties, privileges, and immunities, enjoy'd by his majesty's subjects in any other of the colonies and plantations in *America*, under his majesty's government; and proper measures will also be taken for their security and protection.

That all such as are willing to accept of the above proposals, shall, with their families, be subsisted during their passage, as also for the space of twelve months after their arrival.

That they shall be furnished with arms and ammunition as far as will be judged necessary for their defence, with proper quantity of materials and utensils for husbandry, clearing and cultivating their lands, erecting habitations, carrying on the fishery, and such other purposes as shall be necessary for their support.

That all such persons as are desirous of engaging in the above settlement, do transmit by letter, or personally give in their names, signifying in what regiment or company, or on board what ship they last served, and, if they have families, what number of persons belonging to such families they intend to carry with them, distinguishing the age and quality of each person, to any of the following officers, appointed to receive and enter the same in books open for that purpose, viz.

*Jos. Pownall*, Esq; solicitor and clerk of the reports to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, at their office at *Whitehall*.

*John Russel*, Esq; commissioner of his majesty's navy at *Portsmouth*.

*Philip Vanbrugh*, Esq; commissioner of his majesty's navy at *Plymouth*.

And that proper notice will be given of the said books being closed so soon as the intended number shall be completed, or at latest on the 7th of *April*.

It is proposed that the transports shall be ready to receive such persons on board on the 10th of *April*, and be ready to sail on the 20th; and that timely notice will be given of the place or places to which such persons are to repair in order to embark.

That for the benefit of the settlement, the same conditions which are proposed to private soldiers or seamen, shall likewise be granted to carpenters, shipwrights, smiths, masons, joiners, brick-makers, bricklayers, and all other artificers, necessary in building or husbandry, not being private soldiers or seamen.

That the same conditions as are proposed to those who have served in the

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A Proposal having been presented unto his majesty, for the establishing a civil government in the province of *Nova Scotia* in *North America*, as also for

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