

in for the preceding six months, whether he is married or single, or has any, and what, family; and in what manner he intends to improve the said lands, by himself, by his family, or servants; and that he has not directly or indirectly agreed for the sale or transfer of the said lands. This petition must be sworn to before any justice of the peace, who is also authorized to administer the oath of Allegiance.—

After the petition is made out, it must be carried to the Surveyor-General, who certifies that the lands prayed for are not contained in any previous grant or reservation: it is then delivered to the Clerk of the Council, to be presented at the first sitting; the Council meets for these purposes the first Wednesday in every month. If the petition be granted, an order of survey is made out, which costs altogether about £1. 10., and will be considered a safe Title for a year; if however it is not convenient to have the lands surveyed within that period, the order can be renewed by the Governor, on representing the circumstances, and on paying costs, 2s. 6d., whenever the survey is returned. The Surveyor-General of the Woods grants a certificate, that it does not interfere with any of the Crown reservations: the Attorney-General then furnishes the form of the grant, prepared by the Secretary, which the Attorney-General examines, and to which he affixes his seal: the Secretary then affixes the great seal and carries it to the Governor for his signature,