

cedure, shown every readiness to concur with the Legislative Council in any Address which would be so worded as not to sacrifice the rights of the Crown and the country, by acknowledging the claimants of townships to have unchallengeable titles to the said townships, in defiance of the most unquestionable evidence of the same being liable to forfeiture.

5. Resolved, That, comparing the advertisement, of which the subjoined is a copy, with the reiterated refusals of the measure of escheat to this colony, the conclusion must be, that there is in this island, or in Great Britain, or in both, an influence which prevents this colony from being allowed the same beneficial laws as the neighbouring colonies.

6. Resolved, That his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor be furnished with a copy of the various Resolutions passed by this House during the present session, on the general state of the colony, and in support of the representations made by this House to Her Majesty's Government last session, and other matters connected therewith; also with a copy of the proposed joint Address of the Council and Assembly, on the subject of the purchase of the lands by the Imperial Government, as amended by this House, with an humble Address requesting that he would be pleased to forward the same to Her Majesty's Government.

A PROCLAMATION.

Falkland. By his Excellency the Right honourable Lucius Bentinck Viscount Falkland, Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Lieutenant-governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the proprietors of extensive tracts of valuable land in various parts of the province have neglected to fulfil the conditions attached to the grants thereof, and the settlement of the country having been, by such neglect, greatly retarded, the House of Assembly have requested that measures may be adopted "to re-invest the Crown with all wilderness lands owned by absentees who have not complied with the terms of the letters patent, under which the said lands are held."

I do, therefore, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, issue this my proclamation, for the purpose of making it publicly known, that I have directed the Commissioners of Crown lands to furnish me with a report of all tracts of land heretofore granted and now liable to forfeiture, whether belonging to residents or absentees, and that I shall cause the necessary legal proceedings to be instituted, at the expiration of eighteen months from the date hereof, for escheating all such tracts of land as shall not be, at that period, improved to the extent required by the terms on which the Crown parted with its right thereto, in order that the same may be regranted to persons who will become *bonâ fide* settlers.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Halifax, this 15th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1841, and in the fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By his Excellency's Command,

Rupert D. George.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

In the House of Assembly, Saturday, 10 April 1841.

RESOLVED, That a further conference be desired with the Legislative Council, on the general state of the colony, and that at the said conference the committee of this House be instructed to communicate, that the House of Assembly suggest that the following Address be presented to Her Majesty, as the joint Address of both Houses:

To The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

Most gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the _____ and House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Majesty's throne and person, and most humbly to represent,—

That the lands of this colony were originally granted in large tracts of 20,000 acres each to private individuals, the greater part of which is still claimed by the descendants or assignees of such grantees, the majority of the inhabitants on such lands holding as tenants or occupants, and not in fee simple.

That if, by the purchase of these lands from the proprietary claimants, they were again re-invested in the Crown, for the purpose of being sold out in small tracts to the tenantry and occupiers thereof, it would be hailed by the inhabitants of this island as the greatest boon which Your Majesty could bestow upon them, and would, as Your petitioners conceive, be productive of great and permanent benefit to the colony.