

of disembarkation, and the means of supplying them on the route from thence to the place of destination.

The food to be issued to the settlers must be sufficient, and of good and wholesome quality ; but in fixing the particular description of which the ration is to be composed, you must be governed by local circumstances, always recollecting, that where a saving can be made to the public, without injury to the settler, a material and manifest advantage will result.

You are aware that the question of Emigration has not as yet been decided, and that the service you are now employed upon is rather of a precautionary than of a definitive character. It would, therefore, be highly desirable, unless you shall have received more distinct instructions to that effect, that the arrangement for the supply of food and conveyance should, as much as possible, be made contingent on the actual arrival of Emigrants ; always, however, understanding, that there must be no sort of risk or doubt as to these articles being actually forthcoming when required.

You will make inquiries as to the quantity, price, and description of such agricultural implements, and other articles generally required by settlers, as could be provided in the Colonies. As it may, however, turn out more advisable to send those articles direct from England, you will not enter into any conclusive arrangements for their supply, except in the instance of felling axes, with respect to which as their construction is better understood in the Colonies than at home, you may use your own discretion.

You will take measures for insuring that there are practicable communications from the old to the new Settlements ; and as the prosperity of the Emigrants must be so dependent on the state of the roads in their immediate vicinity, you are particularly directed to give all due attention to this article of your instructions.

For the better preservation of the provisions, you will make such arrangements for putting up storehouses, and clearing and fencing a few acres round them, as you may see fit.

You will supply yourself with such maps, plans, and diagrams of the different provinces, districts, and townships as may be best calculated to show, in the clearest point of view, the relative position of the new Settlements where you intend to place the Emigrants who may be eventually sent out, the extent to which surveys have been actually made, and the extent to which the lands have been disposed of, distinguishing as far as possible those which have been granted and settled from those which have been granted and neglected. The water communications should also be described with all possible clearness and accuracy ; and the falls and rapids, as affording eligible spots for the erection of mills and the establishment of villages, should be distinctly pointed out.

It might also be useful to obtain some general information as to the population, price of labour, and value per acre of uncleared lands, in the different townships.

It will be expedient that, in concurrence with the governors, you should select the persons who are to form the settling department, whether as superintendents or otherwise, in the different Colonies, using great caution to make a due selection for so important a trust, and fully explaining that all such appointments are to be clearly understood as entirely contingent on the actual arrival of settlers.

You will perceive that the foregoing Instructions allude more particularly to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island, to which provinces the arrangements for the eventual conveyance of Emigrants are at present confined. When you shall have performed the service herein pointed out to you in the above-named provinces, and shall have made a report of what you have done in obedience to this part of your instructions, you will proceed to Lower and Upper Canada, where you will in like manner communicate your instructions to the Governor General in the one, and to the Lieutenant Governor of the other ; with the former you will consult on the subject of Emigration generally, and on all points connected with the disposal or settlement of the ungranted and unimproved lands in the different Colonies.

From both Lower and Upper Canada you will bring home similar topographical information to that already described as being required from the other provinces.

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