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Upset price of surveyed lands 4s. 2d. per acre Short Title. Now, therefore, I do hereby declare, proclaim, and enact as follows:-

1. So much of the said Proclamation of the 20th day of January 1860, as fixed the price of surveyed agricultural land at ten shillings per acre is hereby repealed.

II. The price of all unsurveyed country land in British Columbia, whether acquired by preemption or purchase under the Proclamation dated the 4th day of January 1860, shall be four shillings and twopence (4s. 2d.) per acre.

111. The upset price of all country lands in British Columbia exposed for sale at public auction, shall be four shillings and twopence (4s. 2d.) per acre.

IV. This Proclamation may be cited for all purposes as the "Country Land Act, 1861."

Issued under the public seal of the said Colony at Victoria, Vancouver Island, the nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the twenty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

By command of his Excellency,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

APPENDIX No. 4.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—No. 31.

No. 31.—" The Pre-emption Amendment Act, 1861." [Repealed by subsequent Proclamation, No. 38, page 77.]

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.—No. 32.

PROCLAMATION.—No. 3, A.D. 1861. By his Excellency James Douglas, Companion of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Columbia and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

Whereas, by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 21st and 22nd years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," and by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, I, James Douglas, have been appointed Governor of the said Colony, and have been authorized by Proclamation issued under the public seal of the said Colony, to make laws, institutions, and ordinances for the peace, order, and good government of the same:

And whereas it is expedient to afford remissions in the purchase money of country lands purchased for actual settlement to certain officers of Her Majesty's Royal Army and Navy in certain cases:

Now, therefore, I, James Douglas, Governor of British Columbia, by virtue of the authority

aforesaid, do proclaim, order, and enact as follows, viz.:-

That from and after the date hereof Military and Naval officers in Her Majesty's service, of the rank herein-after specified, who shall purchase country land in British Columbia, shall, subject as herein-after mentioned, and upon production of the certificate herein-after also mentioned, be entitled in paying for such country lands to the remissions following:—

Field officers, of 25 years' service, in the whole

Field officers of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole

Field officers of 15 or less years in the service, in the whole

Captains of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole

Captains of 15 years' service or less, in the whole

Subalterns of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole

Subalterns of 7 years' service and upwards, in the whole

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Regimental staff officers and Medical officers of the Army and Navy shall be entitled, but Military chaplains, Commissariat officers, officers of any of the civil departments of the Army, pursers, chaplains, midshipmen, warrant officers of every description, and officers of any of the civil departments of the

Navy, shall not be entitled to the remissions aforesaid.

Every person desiring to take advantage of the remissions aforesaid, shall, before obtaining the same, produce to and leave with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for British Columbia, a certificate from the office of the General Commanding-in-Chief in England, or from the office of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty showing that the setlement of the said person in a British Colony has been duly sanctioned, and showing also the rank, and length of service of such person, but nothing herein contained shall entitle any person to any of the remissions aforesaid, except such person shall at the time of purchasing, be either on half-pay or full-pay, unless the person purchasing shall have quitted the service for the purpose of settling in a British Colony, as herein-after mentioned.

Every person who shall have so quitted the service for the purpose of settling as aforesaid, shall, before obtaining such remission as aforesaid, obtain a statement by the proper authority, to be made in one of the offices aforesaid, upon his certificate aforesaid, of the date of his retirement from the army or navy, for the purpose aforesaid.