

(10.)—RULES and REGULATIONS for the LAND BOARDS, by Order in Council,
13 March 1819.

No. 1.
Regulations of the
Land Granting
Department.

(Circular.)

Sir,

Executive Council Office, York,

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I HAVE received the commands of his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor to transmit to you copy of an order in council, constituting a land board, of which his Excellency has been pleased to appoint you a member.

Rules and Regula-
tions for Land
Boards.

By the same command, I inclose for your information copy of a letter from his Excellency's private secretary to Major Rogers, being an answer to certain queries proposed by him as a member of the board in the Newcastle district, and also the form of a certificate of location.

I have, &c.

COPY of a LETTER to *D. M'Gregor Rogers, Esq.*, Chairman of the Land Board,
Newcastle District.

Sir,

Lieutenant-governor's Office, April 26th, 1819.

I AM directed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor to reply to your letter of the 15th instant, in explanation of those particular points on which you, in the name of the land board of the Newcastle district, solicit more precise information than that contained in the instructions transmitted to you by the clerk of the executive council.

In the first place,—With regard to such other persons besides emigrants as the board may be authorized to grant locations to, I am to explain to you, that by such "other persons," are to be understood such able settlers as resided in the district before the late war, and produce due certificates of having done their duty in its defence.

Secondly,—With regard to military claimants. No military claimant, as such, is referred to the board: being to receive their lands gratuitously in the military settlement, any dispensation of that sort must be approved on application to the lieutenant-governor in council.

Thirdly,—The sons and daughters of U. E. loyalists being entitled to gratuitous grants of 200 acres, must apply to the lieutenant-governor in council.

Fourthly,—Persons arriving from the United States, and bringing due certificates of their being British born subjects, are admissible by the board.

Fifthly,—A form of ticket of location will be transmitted to the chairman of the board, in which will be specified the conditions of settlement.

Sixthly,—His Excellency is of opinion that the presence of the chairman is not necessary at every meeting of the board: any three of the members constitute a board, and may proceed to act accordingly.

Seventhly,—The settler should be thoroughly instructed, that in the event of his finding any improvement on the lot to which he may be located, he is immediately to return with his ticket of location to the board, and report the circumstance for the information of the government. Should he fail in this particular, he can expect no confirmation of the grant to him. In this case the board will appoint him another location.

Eighthly,—With regard to the difficulty that may be experienced by the settler in finding his particular lot; his Excellency bids me observe, that in order to remunerate the person who might be employed to point it out to him, the settler must be burthened with another fee; and as in the case of persons located by the surveyor-general's office no such precaution is practised, his Excellency does not perceive the necessity of the regulation.

I am, &c.

(signed) *George Hillier*, Private Secretary.

Form of Location Ticket.

- Land Board

District.

A. B. born at [place] in [country] of the age of years, having arrived in this province [date] and petitioned to become a settler therein, has been examined by us, and we being satisfied with his character, and of the propriety of admitting him to become a settler, and having administered to him the oath of allegiance, do assign to him 100 acres of land, being the half of lot No. in the concession of [township] in [district.] for which, upon due proof of having cleared and cropped five acres, and cleared half the road in front of his land, of having erected and inhabited a house thereon for one year, he will be entitled to receive a grant to him and his heirs, he paying the patent fee of 5 l. 14 s. 1 d. sterling.

N.B. If the settlement duty is not performed within two years, this location to be of no value, but assigned to another settler.