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No. 15. An Ordinance for the relief of certain Naval and Military Settlers.

[4th May, 1864.]

WHEREAS by a Proclamation made and passed on the eighteenth day of March, A. D. 1861, certain privileges were granted to Naval and Military Settlers in British Columbia, in the purchase of Country Lands in the said Colony;

Preamble.

And whereas by a subsequent Proclamation intituled "Military and Naval Settlers' Act, 1863," those privileges were greatly reduced;

And whereas such last mentioned Proclamation took immediate effect without providing for sufficient notice of such reduction to Officers intending to settle, and leaving Her Majesty's Service in the interval between the date of such last mentioned Proclamation and the time of its general publication in England;

And whereas hardship has been thereby occasioned to certain Officers, and it is just and expedient to remove the same in manner hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. All Officers of the Navy or Army who shall have left Her Majesty's Naval or Military Service prior to the thirty first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and who but for the passage of the said Proclamation of the twenty third day of February, A. D. 1863, would have been entitled to the full remission of purchase money of Country Lands in the said Colony, in such Proclamation prescribed, for their respective ranks and length of service, shall be deemed to have always been entitled to such remission, and exempted from the operation of the "Naval and Military Settlers' Act, 1863."

Officers leaving H. M. Service before 31st August, 1863, entitled to full remission of purchase money.

II. Provided that no application for such full remission of purchase money shall be granted until the Officer applying therefor shall have first made and subscribed a statutory declaration that such Officer was not aware, at the time of leaving Her Majesty's Service, of the reduction and alteration created by the said "Naval and Military Settlers' Act, 1863."

Preliminary declaration requisite.

III. Provided, also, that in all other respects every such Officer applying shall have duly complied with the requirements of the said Proclamation.

And compliance with the terms of the first Proclamation.

IV This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Naval and Military Settlers' Relief Ordinance, 1864."

Short Title.

Passed the Legislative Council the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1864.

CHARLES GOOD, Clerk.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this fourth day of May, 1864.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,
Governor.