

Instructions from the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to Peter Robinson, Esquire, Commissioner for the Sale and Management of Crown Lands in the Province of Upper Canada.

WHEREAS His Majesty, by a Commission bearing date the Seventeenth day of July 1827, did nominate and appoint you the said Peter Robinson to the Office and trust of Commissioner for the Sale and management of Crown Lands in the Province of Upper Canada, and did strictly enjoin you to follow such Orders and Directions as you might from time to time receive from the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or from any one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or from the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government of the Province of Upper Canada for the time being. NOW WE, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, do hereby require and enjoin you to govern yourself in the execution of the Duties of your said Office by the following Instructions:—

THAT you do forthwith repair to Canada, and report your arrival to the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government, and lay before him His Majesty's Commission appointing you to the said Office, and these our Instructions for the guidance of your conduct in the execution of the Duties thereof.

THAT you do immediately upon your arrival enter into Security to the satisfaction of the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government, yourself in Five Thousand Pounds, and two Sureties in Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds each, that you will diligently and faithfully perform the Duties of your said Office, and duly account for, and pay over, all monies which may come to your hands in the execution thereof.

THAT as soon as possible after your arrival you do proceed to ascertain the nature and particulars of all the Crown Property within the said Province under the following heads:—

Waste Lands in those Districts of the Colony which have not heretofore been Surveyed or laid out.

Waste Lands in those Districts of the Colony which have been Surveyed and laid out, but no part of which has been granted.

Ungranted Lands and Crown Reserve in those Districts where grants have been made.

Lands which have been granted in perpetuity upon payment of Quit or other Rents.

Lands and Reserve which have been granted upon Leases for series of years upon Reserved Rents or otherwise.

THAT you do make an Annual Report of the progress you may have made in ascertaining these particulars to Us, or to the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, and also to the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government of the Province of Upper Canada.

THAT no Lands or other Crown Reserve arising from Lands within the Province of Upper Canada, be hereafter disposed of or granted, except upon the following conditions:—

By actual Sale, or in cases of Poor Settlers by Grants, subject to Quit Rents in the manner hereafter directed:—

THAT you do from time to time, and at least once in every year, submit to the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government, a Report of the total quantity of each District of Crown Property, within each District, of the Reserve, so far as you may then have ascertained the same, together with your opinion of the quality of each description of property which it may be expedient to offer for Sale within the then ensuing year, and the upset price per Acre at which you would recommend the several descriptions of property to be offered, obtaining previously a Certificate from the Surveyor General of Woods and Forests within the Province, that the Land proposed to be offered by you does not contain any considerable quantity of valuable Timber fit for His Majesty's Navy, or for any other purposes, it being the intention that no grant of the Land upon which such Timber may be growing should be made until the Timber is clear.

THAT if the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government, should be pleased to sanction the Sale of the whole or any part of the Land recommended by you to be sold, at the upset price recommended by you, or at any other price which he may name, you will proceed to the Sale in the following manner:—

You will give Notice in the York Gazette and in such other Newspaper as may be circulating in the Province, as well as in any other manner that circumstances will admit of, of the time and