

"Previous to the receipt of these instructions I had ordered the unconceded lands above and below Quebec to be explored by proper persons, and I have had the satisfaction to receive from them such favorable reports as induce me to hope that his Majesty's gracious intentions towards the Loyalists will be fully answered. The measures taken for the settlement of the Loyalists in this Province are proof of His Majesty's determination to retain and defend it.

"The Surveyor-General, with his deputy and other persons, are employed in making out plans of Seigniories agreeable to the instructions. When they are finished I shall assemble you again.

"Upon this business, in the meantime, the instructions, with extracts of two letters from the Secretary of State relating to them, shall remain in the Council Office for the perusal and consideration of the members." Read His Majesty's instructions, dated St. James', the 16th of July, and another dated the 7th of August, 1783. Read also extracts from two letters from the Right Honorable Lord North, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to His Excellency General Haldimand, dated Whitehall, 24th of July and 7th of August, 1783. Ordered that the instructions and extracts remain in the Council Office for the perusal and consideration of the members of the Council.

EXTRACT FROM HIS MAJESTY'S INSTRUCTIONS TO
HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR HALDIMAND,
DATED ST. JAMES', THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 1783.

Whereas, many loyal subjects, inhabitants of the Colonies and Provinces now the United States of America, are desirous of retaining their allegiance to us, and of living in our Dominions, and for this purpose are disposed to take up and improve lands in our Province of Quebec, and being desirous to encourage our said loyal subjects in such their intentions, and to testify our approbation of their loyalty to us, and obedience to our Government, by allotting lands for them in our said Province;

And whereas we are also desirous of testifying our approbation of the bravery and loyalty of our forces serving in our said Province, and who may be reduced there, by allowing a certain quantity of land to such non-commissioned officers and private men of our said forces who are inclined to become settlers thereon.

It is our will and pleasure that immediately after you shall receive this our instructions, you do direct your Surveyor-General of Lands for our said Province of Quebec to admeasure and lay out such a quantity of land as you, with the advice of your Council, shall deem necessary and convenient for the settlement of our said loyal subjects and the non-commissioned officers and private men