

BRITISH PROVINCES IN NORTH AMERICA.

Liberal Encouragement by his Majesty's Government to Settlers inclined to proceed from Great Britain and Ireland, and Provision by Vessels, &c. for their Passage to Quebec with their Families.

IT is the intention of His Majesty's Government to encourage SETTLERS, to proceed from Great Britain and Ireland to the BRITISH PROVINCES in NORTH AMERICA, and for this purpose a certain number of Vessels will be appropriated for the Conveyance of such Persons as may be properly recommended, together with their Wives and Children, to Quebec, to which port only the Conveyance of Settlers free of expense, with other advantages, will be limited during the year. Lands will be Granted to them either in Upper or in Lower Canada, in which Extent is comprehended a choice of Climate and of Soil adapted for every Branch of Cultivation.

The encouragement and advantages intended to be afforded to Settlers will be, as follows:

A passage and provisions during the voyage will be furnished by Government, and on their arrival in the Colony, a grant of one hundred acres of Land will be secured to each family, of which they will be put immediately in possession, and all their male children actually residing in the Province will be entitled, on attaining the age of 21 years, to a similar grant of one hundred acres each.

For the first six or eight months, as it may be found necessary after their arrival, (in order to enable the settlers to establish themselves upon their respective grants, and to clear and to cultivate a portion of the land) they will be allowed rations from the public stores, and in case from unforeseen events it should be found requisite, further aid in this respect may be afforded according to the circumstances of the case, by issuing rations for a limited period, at a price under prime cost.

Axes and other necessary implements will also be furnished to them, under certain regulations, at a fixed price, not exceeding half the prime cost.

Should any number of families proceeding from the same part of the United Kingdom, or possessing any joint stock or funds, be desirous of settling in the same neighbourhood in Canada, care will be taken to allot them Lands as nearly as possible contiguous to each other; and a sufficient portion of Land will be appropriated in the midst of such settlers for a Church, and for the maintenance of a Clergyman and a Schoolmaster; and in case a sufficient number of settlers so united should be accompanied from the United Kingdom by a person of either of the above functions, who possesses their confidence, and can be well recommended; and who shall be approved of by Government, a salary will be provided of one hundred pounds per annum to such Minister, and fifty pounds per annum to the Schoolmaster, for such period as shall afterwards be specified.

Persons who may be allowed to proceed to Canada as SETTLERS FROM SCOTLAND, must embark in the month of April, from such Port or Ports in the Clyde as shall be noticed in a future Advertisement, where vessels will be ready to receive those for whom the necessary accommodation will be provided.

In order to prevent persons from making an unwarranted and improper use of the liberality of Government, it will be required that every person embarking for Quebec, should at the time of embarkation deposit in the hands of the Government Agent the following sum:—

Every male person above sixteen years of age, sixteen pounds sterling;—every woman, being the wife of any person so embarking, two guineas;—children under sixteen years of age will be conveyed free of expense;—and whatever sums may be so paid by them will be repaid to them or their representatives in Canada at the end of two years from the date of their embarkation, upon its being ascertained that they are settled on the grant of Land allotted to them.

John Campbell, Esq. Writer to his Majesty's Signet, Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, is appointed by Government, Commissioner and General Agent in Scotland for this Business, to whom communications may be made.

As the time for embarkation of Settlers is limited, such as are at a distance, and who wish to embrace the present opportunity of settling in British America, will do well to send by post their Proposals and Certificates without any delay. Those testimonials must certify the general good character of Applicants—their professions—former pursuits—whether married or widowers—the number of their children, distinguishing male and female—and the ages of all. These must be obtained either from Justices of the Peace, Clergymen, or Elders of the Parish, or other respectable persons.

It is recommended that the utmost care be taken by those who grant certificates that they are satisfied from personal knowledge of the facts contained in the representation of the circumstances.

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