

transmit the account with the vouchers and certificate, to the Auditor of Public Accounts, for examination and audit.

To keep the books and papers.

VI. The Assistant Commissioner shall have the charge and custody of all records, books and papers belonging to the said Department whenever the principal office of Commissioner shall be vacant; and the Assistant Commissioner, in case of vacancy in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands, or of the absence, or sickness of the Commissioner, shall have and exercise all the powers and functions of the Commissioner, *ad interim*. 5 10

To act as Commissioner when that office is vacant.

Clerks of land claims and their duties.

VII. There shall be appointed in the said Department two Officers, one for Upper Canada and one for Lower Canada, who shall be called, Clerks of land claims, and whose principal duty shall be to examine and report on claims and differences relative to the purchase of any of the public lands, and who shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Commissioner of Public Lands. 15

Surveyor General and his duties.

VIII. There shall be appointed by the Commissioner, with the consent of the Governor in Council, an officer to be called the Surveyor General, whose duty it shall be to superintend the making of surveys, the returns thereof, and all matters relating thereto under the directions of the Commissioner; and he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commissioner of Public Lands. 20

Former powers of Surveyor General, transferred to Commissioner.

All the powers and duties which before the passing of the Act Eighth Victoria, chapter eleven, (17th March, 1845,) were assigned to or vested in the Surveyor General, shall be vested in the Commissioner of Public Lands; and the said powers and duties shall be performed by him, or by any other person whom he shall by any instrument in writing under his hand authorize to that effect. 25 30

Recorder of the Department—this duties.

IX. There shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Lands, with the consent of the Governor in Council, an officer, who shall be denominated the Recorder of the Land Department, whose duty it shall be in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner, to attend to the correct engrossing and recording and transmission of patents; and he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commissioner of Public Lands. 35

Existing appointments continued.

X. All appointments made in the Land Department before the passing of this Act, shall be maintained and continued as if they had been made after the passing of this Act. 40

Commissioner to give information to Parliament, 5.

XI. The Commissioner shall, when required by the Governor in Council, or either House of the Legislature, give such information respecting the public lands and the management of the Land Department, as shall be so required of him. 45