

By His Majesty's command.

(signed) *Peregrine Maitland* (L.S.)

**Gentlemen,**

I ENCLOSE for your perusal a copy of a document which, on the 26th ultimo, I communicated to the merchants and others who have associated themselves together as a company for settling certain lands in the province of Upper Canada. From this document you will learn what are the nature of the arrangements into which I have entered with the proposed company. Especially, you will perceive that it has been determined to appoint five commissioners who are to proceed to the province, there to make a valuation of the lands which the company are to purchase. You have been selected to be commissioners for this purpose, and therefore, in pursuance of the arrangement with the proposed company, I proceed to give you such instructions as appear necessary for your guidance in the execution of the trust committed to you.

1st.—You will proceed with all convenient dispatch to the province of Upper Canada, and on your reaching the town of York, you will report your arrival to the lieutenant-governor, or officer administering the government.

2d.—You will receive from the lieutenant-governor a commission under the great seal of the province, authorizing you to execute the duties of your office ; and so soon as you have received that commission, you will enter upon the discharge of those duties.

3rd.—You will also receive from the lieutenant-governor, commissions to act throughout the province as justices of the peace ; you will however distinctly understand, that you are to be invested with that character merely with the view of promoting the objects of your commission, and therefore you will entirely abstain from exercising your powers as magistrates, except when it may be necessary to make those powers subservient to the due execution of your office as commissioners.

4th.—You will receive from the lieutenant-governor, and all His Majesty's civil and military officers in the province, such co-operation and assistance as they may be able to render. Especially, directions will be given to the proper departments of the colonial government, to lay before you all public maps, charts, surveys, or admeasurements of the several districts and townships in the province, with all other documents in the charge of any of those departments from which any useful information can be derived.