

No. 1.  
Regulations of the  
Land-Granting  
Department.

*Family Lands and Additional Bounty.*

Certificate for  
Family Lands, &c.

No.  
Certificate of the board appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor for the district of \_\_\_\_\_ in the province of Upper Canada, under the rules and regulations for the conduct of the land-office department, dated council-chamber, Quebec, 17th February 1789. The bearer \_\_\_\_\_ having on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ preferred to this board a petition addressed to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor in council for a grant of \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land in the township of \_\_\_\_\_ in the district of \_\_\_\_\_. We have examined into his character and pretensions, and find that he has received \_\_\_\_\_ acres as a \_\_\_\_\_ and that he is settled on, and has improved the same, and that he is entitled to a further assignment of \_\_\_\_\_ acres, in conformity to the seventh article of the rules and regulations aforementioned.

Given at the Board at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand seven hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ Acting Surveyor-general.

*Certificate of the Acting Surveyor.*

Surveyor's  
Certificate.

I assign to the bearer \_\_\_\_\_ the Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the township of \_\_\_\_\_ in the district of \_\_\_\_\_ containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres \_\_\_\_\_ chains.

Which lot he is hereby authorised to occupy and improve; and having improved the same, he shall receive a grant thereof to him and his heirs or devisees in due form, on such terms and conditions as it shall please His Majesty to ordain. And all persons are desired to take notice, that this assignment, and all others of a similar nature, are not transferable by purchase, donation, or otherwise, on any pretence whatever, except by an act under the signature of the board for the district in which the lands are situated, which is to be endorsed upon this certificate.

Given at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand seven hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Acting Surveyor for \_\_\_\_\_ the district of \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRACT from the Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the Land-office Department, dated Council Chamber, 17th February 1789.

Rules and Regula-  
tions for the con-  
duct of Land-  
office Department.

IV. The safety and propriety of admitting the petitioner to become an inhabitant of this province being well ascertained to the satisfaction of the board, they shall administer to every such person the oaths of fidelity and allegiance directed by law; after which, the board shall give every such petitioner a certificate to the surveyor-general, or any person authorised to act as an agent or deputy-surveyor for the district within the trust of that board, expressing the ground of the petitioner's admission: and such agent or deputy-surveyor shall, within two days after the presentment of the certificate, assign the petitioner a single lot of about 200 acres, describing the same with due certainty and accuracy, under his signature; but the said certificate shall nevertheless have no effect, if the petitioner shall not enter upon the location and begin the improvement and cultivation thereof within one year from the date of such assignment, or if the petitioner shall have had lands assigned to him before that time in any other part of the province.

VII. The respective boards shall, on petitions from loyalists already settled in the upper districts for further allotments of land under the instructions to the deputy-surveyor-general of the 2d June 1787, or under prior or other orders for assigning portions to their families, examine into the grounds of such requests and claims, and, being well satisfied of the justice thereof, they shall grant certificates for such further quantities of land as the said instructions and orders may warrant, to the acting surveyors of their districts respectively, to be by them made effectual in the manner before mentioned, but to avoid, nevertheless, if, prior to the passing the grant in form, it shall appear to the Government that such additional locations have been obtained by fraud; and that of these, the boards transmit to the office of the Governor's secretary, and to each other, like reports and lists as hereinbefore, as to other locations, directed.

VIII. And to prevent individuals from monopolizing such spots as contain mines, minerals, fossils, and conveniences for mills and other singular advantages of a common or public nature, to the prejudice of the general interests of the settlers, the surveyor-general and his agents, or deputy-surveyors in different districts, shall confine themselves in the locations to be made by them upon certificates of the respective boards, to such lands only as are fit for the common purposes of husbandry, and they shall reserve all other spots aforementioned, together with all such as may be fit and useful for ports and harbours, or works of defence, or such as contain valuable timber for ship-building, or other purposes, conveniently situated for water carriage, in the hands of the Crown.

And they shall, without delay, give full and particular information to the Governor, or commander-in-chief for the time being, of all such spots as are hereinbefore directed to be reserved to the Crown, that order may be taken respecting the same.

And the more effectually to prevent abuses, and to put individuals on their guard in this respect, any certificate of location given contrary to the true intent and meaning of this regulation, is hereby declared to be null and void, and a special order of the Governor and council made necessary to pledge the faith of Government for granting of such spots as are directed to be reserved.