

(C.)—No. 5.

No. 1.

*Edward M'Mahon* to the Commissioner of Crown Lands respecting the Claims of U. E. Loyalists to free Grants, and the Location of Officers of the Army and Navy.

Regulations of the Land Granting Department.

(Copy.)

Sir,

Government House, York, 13th November 1832.

I am directed by the Lieutenant-governor to acquaint you, with reference to the regulation sanctioned by him respecting the claims of U. E. loyalists to free grants of land, and to the location of officers of the navy and army entitled to a remission of the purchase money at which their land may be valued in proportion to their periods of service, that U. E. loyalists and their children or heirs entitled to land, may be located in any township in which there are waste lands at the disposal of the Crown, provided that they will reside on the lots which they may select, or place on them resident settlers, but his Excellency cannot authorise you to admit the claims that may be preferred by land speculators holding location tickets, or the purchasers of U. E. loyalist rights (as they are termed), for it is obvious that the interests of the province may be much injured were such a description of persons allowed to get possession of blocks of land in the new townships which his Excellency is anxious to see filled with settlers who will bring their lots into immediate cultivation. Thus, if the purchasers of U. E. loyalist rights could select their land, the opening of new townships to emigrants would be the signal for their taking up the most advantageous locations with a view of retaining them till their value would increase.

Communications relating to the Location of U. E. Rights.

With respect to location of officers, the Lieutenant-governor is of opinion that they should be allowed to select their lands without purchasing them at a public sale as directed by the late regulations, but this permission he thinks should be withdrawn six months after their arrival in the province. This arrangement will afford every officer an opportunity of fixing on his land and of removing to the location without incurring a risk of being disappointed in his purchase after he may have removed his family to the township pointed out to him by the surveyor-general.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Edward M'Mahon*, in absence of Mr. Secretary Rowan.

The Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

(C.)—No. 6.

THE Commissioner of Crown Lands to Colonel *Rowan*, on the subject of locating U. E. Rights.

(Copy.)

Sir,

Commissioner of Crown Lands' Office, York, 20th Nov. 1832.

The persons named in the within application referred to me, are sons of the original settlers in Lanark, and of a very good description to form a new settlement, and I have no doubt that if they are allowed to locate, it is their full intention to reside permanently in the township.

On questioning them I find they gave 30/. for the U. E. right, in the full confidence that it would secure to them the original grant; and although it is quite necessary for the Government to discourage the traffic in U. E. rights, still I am inclined to think that the present applicants who, not aware of the intentions of the Government, have expended their means in procuring the rights in question, and in removing to this part of the country, might be so far indulged as to be allowed to locate upon condition of actual residence for five years.

I have further to add, that in the vicinity of Lanark there are no lands fit for settlement at the disposal of the Crown.

I have, &c.

Colonel Rowan, Civil Secretary.

(signed) *Peter Robinson*.

This communication was returned to the Commissioner of Crown lands with the following remarks:

The two settlers may be placed on land which they can purchase, but the Lieutenant-governor cannot think that the U. E. loyalist rights should be acknowledged, except the original holders of the order for land make the application to the commissioner of Crown lands.

(signed) *J. C.*

(C.)—No. 7.

Colonel *Rowan* to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, on the subject of locating U. E. Loyalists.

(Copy.)

Sir,

Government House, 21st November 1832.

With reference to a former communication on the subject of the U. E. loyalists' rights, I am directed by the Lieutenant-governor to acquaint you, that although many of them it is understood