

Above Letter Endorsed:

Whitehall, August 5th, 1763.

Lords of Trade:

Report concerning the Lands to be reserved for the Indians - Proposing that a Commission under the Great Seal be given to the Commander in Chief for the Government of that Country - with objections to the annexing them to any Province Proposing an immediate Proclamation concerning Indian Lands.*****

Enclosure in N^o10.

Extract from letter from Halifax to the Lords of Trade.

(Canadian Archives A. & W. I. Vol.268, p. 217)

St. James, September 19th, 1763

My Lords:

Having laid before the King Your Lordships Representation, of the 5th of August last, transmitted to the late Earl of Egremont in your letter of the same date, I am commanded to acquaint Your Lordships that His Majesty, upon Consideration of the Reasons therein set forth, is pleased to lay aside the Idea of including within the Government of Canada, or of any established colony, the Lands which are to be reserved for the present, for the Use of the Indians.*****

His Majesty approves Your Lordships Proposition of issuing immediately a Proclamation, to prohibit for the present any Grant or Settlement within the Bounds of the Country intended to be reserved for the Use of the Indians;

And that the Speedy Settlement of the new Colonies might be promoted; the Friendship of the Indians more speedily and effectually reconciliated, and Provision be made for preventing Inconveniences, which might otherwise arise from the Want of Civil Jurisdiction in the Interior, and reserved Countries, by extending such Proclamation to the following purposes, viz:-

To make known the establishment and Limits of the four new Colonies, and the Additions made to the Governments of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Georgia.

To declare the constitution of the new Governments as established for the present and intended in future, and the general Powers which the Governors will have of granting Lands within them.

To prohibit Private Purchases of Lands from Indians.

To declare a free trade for all His Majesty's Subjects with all the Indians, under Licence, Security and proper Regulations.

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St. James, September 19th, 1763.

My Lords:

Letter of Reference concerning the extent of the new Provinces - The Lands to be reserved for the use of the Indians by Proclamation - A free Trade with the Indians under proper licenses and Regulation - The Lands to be granted to Reduced Officers and Soldiers - And a Commission proposed to be given to the Commander in Chief for the Government of the Interior Country.