

An Act to consolidate the Laws relating to Public Lands, and to make better provision for the disposal and management of Public Lands.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Preamble.
Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

THE LAND DEPARTMENT---THE COMMISSIONER---THE OFFICERS.

I. All the Lands belonging to the Province, shall be under
5 the management and administration of the Public Department,
which is and shall be denominated, the Land Department. To what lands the Act applies, &c.

II. The Chief Officer of this Department shall be called the
Commissioner of Public Lands, and his duty shall be, under
the directions of the Governor in Council, to superintend, exe- Commissioner and his func-
10 cute and perform all such acts touching or respecting the
Public Lands of the Province, as have heretofore been or
hereafter shall be directed by law to be done; And
from and after the passing of this Act, the executive duties
now prescribed or which may hereafter be prescribed by
15 law, appertaining to the surveying and sale of the Public
Lands in the Province, or in any wise respecting such Public
Lands, and the issuing of Patents for all grants of land under the
authority of the Government, shall be subject to the supervision
and control of the Commissioner of Public Lands, under the
20 direction of the Governor in Council.

III. There shall be in the said Department an Officer to be
appointed by the Governor in Council, and to be called the Assistant
Assistant Commissioner of Public Lands, to be employed Commissioner
therein as the Commissioner shall deem proper. The Assistant and his func-
25 Commissioner shall, before he enters on the duties of his charge
and appointment, take an oath or affirmation, truly and faithfully
to execute the trust committed to him.

IV. The Assistant Commissioner shall be the receiver of all
moneys paid for and on account of sales of Public Lands, and To receive all
30 shall be bound to give security for such sum and in such manner moneys: to
as shall be prescribed by the Governor in Council, for the due give security.
performance of his duties.

V. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Commissioner to
settle all accounts relating to the public lands: and upon the To settle all
35 settlement of any such account, to certify the balance, and accounts;