

## (APPENDIX H.) See Journal page 70.

mitted but those whose loyalty, industry, and morals shall appear to entitle them to His Majesty's bounty \*— But there is a standing proof of the policy of government, of which thousands are still reaping the benefit, which is alone sufficient to settle forever this question, viz. the privileges of U. E. Loyalists. On the 6th of April, 1796 General Simcoe issued his gratifying proclamation respecting this meritorious class of His Majesty's subjects, which evinces so clearly the views and intentions of government as to those whom they wished to become inhabitants of this province, that your committee cannot forbear quoting the preamble, and annexing the whole document to this report.

"Whereas it appears by the minutes of the council of the late province of Quebec, dated Monday the ninth day of November, 1789, to have been the desire of His Excellency Lord Dorchester, the Governor General, "to put a mark of honour upon the families who had adhered to the unity of the empire, and joined the royal "standard in America before the treaty of separation in the year 1783, and for that purpose it was ordered by "His Excellency in Council, that the several land boards should take course for preserving a registry of the "names of all the persons falling under the description aforementioned, to the end that their posterity might be "discriminated from (the then) future settlers, in the parish registers and rolls of the militia of their respective "districts, and other public remembrances of the province, as proper objects for their perseverance in the fi- "delity and conduct so honourable to their ancestors for distinguished benefits and privileges."† The procla-

\* *Executive Council Chamber, of the Province of Upper Canada,*

NOVEMBER 6th, 1794.

Present in Council His EXCELLENCY JOHN GRAVES, Esq. Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the said Province, and Colonel commanding his Majesty's Forces, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the existing state of the Province renders the continuation of the Boards established expressly for the purpose of facilitating the settling of such lands as his Majesty, in his royal beneficence has been pleased to grant to the Loyalists and reduced troops, inexpedient and unnecessary. It is hereby resolved that the authority heretofore granted to such Boards, shall from and after the sixth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, cease and determine.

And whereas it is expedient, agreeably to the proclamation of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, bearing date February 7th, 1792, that adequate provision should be made for the compliance therewith, in the most effectual manner. It is hereby resolved, that all petitions whatsoever for grants of the waste lands of the Crown, be made to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government in council, through the Clerk of the Council, except for the immediate location and encouragement of all such as it may be proper to admit, as settlers within his Majesty's Province, and more especially for the due care and observance that none such be admitted but those whose loyalty, industry, and morals shall appear to entitle them to the benefits of his Majesty's bounty, and render them useful inhabitants of this Province. It is hereby resolved, that all persons professing the christian religion, and being capable of manual labour, who can adduce satisfactory vouchers of their having paid obedience to the laws, and led a life of inoffensive manners in the country where they last resided, shall in future be considered, as qualified to be admitted to the possession of lands within this province, after having taken and subscribed the oaths of allegiance and settlement prescribed by act of parliament.

Therefore any magistrate living and residing in the county wherein any person of such a description may wish to become a resident, is duly authorized to give him a recommendation to the deputy surveyor of the county or district for a location of lands in the following words.

"The bearer A. B. of                      years of age, born in                      professing the christian religion, and by trade a                      having been this day examined by me, and taken the oaths prescribed by law, is recommended for a location of two hundred acres of land within this county, provided it does not appear from the surveyor's books, that he has had any prior grant of lands in any district of this province.

"Given under my hand, &c.

"To the deputy surveyor of

"the district of

And it is hereby resolved that the deputy surveyor on the receipt of this certificate, shall proceed to make an assignment agreeable to the usual form and manner.

And as it is expedient that the fees upon such grant be made public, resolved that they be stated in this proclamation.

	HALIFAX.
The fee to the magistrate who administers the oath, and grants the certificate, . . . . .	£ 0 1 0
To the deputy surveyor for the search, . . . . .	0 1 8
For the assignment, . . . . .	0 1 0
To the governor for licence of occupation, . . . . .	0 10 0
To the clerk of the council, . . . . .	0 5 0
Total	£ 0 18 6
Title deed when the grant is delivered, . . . . .	£ 2 10 2

[Signed.]

John Small, clerk of the council.

## † UPPER CANADA.

By His Excellency JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, and Major General of His Majesty's Forces, &c. &c. &c.

## P R O C L A M A T I O N.

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