

teenth January seventeen hundred and ninety five, to all persons who have obtained Warrants of Survey or Orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, for any part of His Majesty's ungranted Lands in this Province, to comply with the requirements contained in the said Advertisement, on or before the first day of August next, and that in default of such compliance they will be considered by Government to have relinquished their pretensions under any Order of Council or Warrant of Survey, that may have been directed in consequence.

At the expiration of this period it appeared by the Schedules annexed and the Returns of the Commissioners, that of upwards of 300 Leaders and ten thousand proposed Associates, the number of those who had complied with the directions did not exceed 550; so that the number of persons who had duly qualified themselves bore a very small proportion, not only to the amount of the applicants, but even to those who were supposed to have made actual Settlement on the Land, who having neglected to comply with the terms of the notice were clearly subject to the penalty thereby announced.—After these forfeitures had accrued it was generally understood that in addition to these persons who had satisfied themselves with a bare Warrant of Survey of the outlines of a Township, a number of others, under various pretexts, some from having purchased pretensions and others because it suited their interest, had made actual Settlement in various quarters, and many upon Lands reserved for the Support of a Protestant Clergy and the future disposition of the Crown.

To check this propensity it was thought expedient to issue a Proclamation as mentioned in the former Report, but this Proclamation never was intended by the Executive Council, nor could upon any principle of sound construction be supposed to affect the parties alluded to in Your Excellency's Order of reference, who might