

13. The surveyor-general's office shall consult the best means and give correspondent orders to its deputies for preventing unnecessary expense in the surveys, the Crown's interest requiring that the patentee receive no more, nor any other tract, than it shall appear from the patent to be the intention of the Governor to grant him, and the patentee having cause to be contented if the descriptive words in his grant shall enable him to locate and discover with due certainty what tract he is to take; and it being manifest that after such actual surveys as shall be requisite to ascertain any particular township or tract, the description of another contiguous thereto, or depending thereon, will not require any field work previous to the grant thereof—all subsequent grants in contiguity and succession, properly described in the returns of survey, being connected with or dependent upon the accurate description and ascertainment of the first tract surveyed.

14. The committee of the council for reporting upon petitions for lands shall lay aside all such as contain no specific quantity or location of lands desired, and from time to time cause a notification of such imperfect petitions to be published in the Quebec Gazette.

15. The faith of Government being to be considered as pledged to all such as have acquired or shall in future acquire certificates of occupation in due course, the surveyor-general's office shall form a schedule of all lots under such certificates in any part of the province, specifying the petitioners' names, the quantum of the location, the place where, and the date, and a copy thereof shall be lodged in the office of the Governor's secretary, another in the office of the clerk of the council, and a copy shall be sent to each of the boards in the different parts of the province, and the like practice shall be continued as to all subsequent certificates, at the end of every three months.

16. And to the intent that there may be as little trouble and as much expedition as possible, with a saving of all unnecessary expense in obtaining grants and patents, and more especially to favour the loyalists and other settlers remote from the capital of the province, the secretary shall from time to time notify in the Gazette all such applications for lands as are so far advanced as to be ready for the great seal.

ORDERED,—That all the boards and officers of the land-granting department govern themselves according to the foregoing rules and regulations; and that the clerk of the council cause the same to be printed, and transmit copies thereof to the different boards, to be made public in their respective districts, and to all the officers concerned.

By his Excellency's commands,

J. Williams.

Town.

No.

Certificate of the board appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor for the district of _____ in the province of Upper Canada, under the rules and regulations for the conduct of the land-office department, dated Council Chamber, Quebec, 17th February 1789.

The bearer, _____ having on _____ day of _____ preferred to this board a petition, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-governor in council, for a grant of _____ in the township of _____ in the district of _____. We have examined into his loyalty and character, and find him duly qualified; we hereby assign to him the town-lot, No. _____ which he is hereby authorised to occupy and improve; and having improved the same according to the ninth article of additional rules and regulations hereunto subjoined, he shall receive a grant of the said _____ to him and his heirs, or devisees, in due form, on such terms and conditions as it shall please His Majesty to ordain. And all persons are desired to take notice, that this assignment, and all others of a similar nature, are not transferable by purchase, donation or otherwise, on any pretence whatever, except by an act under the signature of the board for the district in which the lands are situated, which is to be endorsed upon this certificate.

Given at _____ this _____ day of _____ one thousand seven hundred and _____

EXTRACT from the Additional Rules and Regulations for the conduct of the Land-Office Department, dated Council Chamber, Quebec, 25th August 1789.

IX. The boards shall not issue any certificate for more than one town-lot of one acre, or one town-lot and one town-park of twenty-four acres together, to the same person (being the head of a family) and this only upon condition of his building a dwelling-house on such town-lot and occupying the same, within the space of one year from the date of the certificate. And in cases of competition the boards are to give the preference to such applicants, for whose trades and occupations the respective lots, on account of their situation near the water, or otherwise, may be best calculated; and to such sober and industrious mechanics whose trades are most necessary to the convenience of the township in general. And the boards are to be particularly careful to discountenance frivolous applications, and not to authorise any transfers of unimproved town-lots and town-parks, which only tend to create a mischievous monopoly of the ground. Nor shall any town-parks be granted separately from town-lots, the former being intended for the convenience of the settlers upon the latter; and a failure in the condition upon which the town-lots are granted shall operate the forfeiture of both.

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Office Department.