

ORDERS IN COUNCIL RELATING TO THE

No. 1.

Regulations of the
Land Granting
Department.

(15.)—COPY of the Minutes in Council, 16th November 1831, when the General Order from the Horse Guards was read, bearing date 1st August 1831.

(Copy.)

Executive Council Chamber at York,
Wednesday, 16 November 1831.Documents relating
to Grants of Land
to Military Officers.

Present,

His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K. C. B., Lieutenant Governor; The Hon. James Baby,
The Hon. Peter Robinson, The Hon. George H. Markland, The Hon. Joseph Wells.

His Excellency was pleased to lay before the council the following despatch, with its inclosure, from Lord Goderich.

(Circular.)

Sir,

Downing-street, 31 August 1831.

As I have deemed it advisable that all lands should be indiscriminately offered for public competition, it is not intended to continue the practice which has hitherto prevailed, of making grants of land to officers on the half-pay of the army or navy, or to those who have disposed of their commissions under the provisions of the General Order of July 1829, for the purpose of settling in one of the North American Provinces.

I therefore propose that in future, instead of making grants of land to officers, a certain sum shall be remitted from the price of that which they may purchase, proportioned to the rank and length of service of the officer.

The General Order of the 1st instant has been framed accordingly, and you will give the necessary orders to the commissioner of Crown lands to carry these regulations into effect, with regard to officers who may arrive in the province subsequently to the receipt of this despatch.

I have, &c.

Major-General Sir John Colborne, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Goderich.

No. 504.

General Order.

Horse Guards, 1 August 1831.

HIS Majesty's Government having revised the regulations concerning the system of granting land in the British Colonies of North America and Australia, so as to ensure to the officers of the army wishing to become settlers, the combined advantages arising from rank and length of service;

The King is graciously pleased to declare, that officers purchasing land according to the regulations established in the respective colonies, shall, in proportion to their rank and services, be entitled to a remission of the purchase money according to the following graduated scale, on producing testimonials of unexceptionable character, from the general commanding-in-chief:—

Field officers of 25 years' service and upwards, in the whole, 300 *l*.Field officers of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole, 250 *l*.Field officers of 15 years' service or less, in the whole, 200 *l*.Captains of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole, 200 *l*.Captains of 15 years' service or less, in the whole, 150 *l*.Subalterns of 20 years' service and upwards, in the whole, 150 *l*.Subalterns of seven years' service or less, in the whole, 100 *l*.

In all other respects, the regulations promulgated to the army, in the General Orders of 8th June 1826, 16th May 1827, 24th August 1827, 18th July 1829 and 24th February 1831, remain in force.

By command of the Right Honourable the General Commanding-in-chief.

(signed) John Macdonald, Adjutant-general.

(A true Copy.)

John Beikie, Clerk Executive Council.

(16.)—COPY of the Minutes in Council, 13th September 1832, when the Order from the Admiralty Office was read, bearing date 3 March 1832.

(Copy.)

Executive Council Chamber at York,
Thursday, 13 September 1832.

Present,

Documents relating
to Grants of Land
to Naval Officers.The Hon. James Baby, Presiding Councillor, The Hon. and Venerable John Strachan, D.D.,
Archdeacon of York, The Hon. Peter Robinson, The Hon. Joseph Wells.

Read the following despatch with its inclosure.