

7. Proof of actual settlement and cultivation shall be made by declaration, under the "Oaths Ordinance, 1869," by the claimant and two settlers in the neighbourhood, before the Commissioner or a Justice of the Peace.

8. In case it is proved, to the satisfaction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, that the settler has voluntarily relinquished his claim, or has been absent from the land located by him for more than six months in any one year, or has not made the improvements required by law, then the right to such land shall be forfeited, and the settler so relinquishing or abandoning his claim shall not be permitted to be located again for a Free Grant.

9. Neither the locatee, nor any one claiming under him or her, shall have power to alienate (otherwise than by devise) or to mortgage or pledge any land located as aforesaid, or any right or interest therein before the issue of the Crown Grant.

10. All assignments and transfers of Free Grant rights before the issue of the Crown Grant shall be null and void, and shall be deemed evidence of abandonment of the right, and the person so assigning or transferring, shall not be permitted to again locate a Free Grant.

11. All Free Grants must be staked off with stakes or posts, at least four inches square, and standing not less than four feet above the surface; and one such stake shall be placed at each angle of the claim. Any tree may be used for a post, provided that it be cut down and squared as aforesaid. No such boundary post shall be removed without the permission of the Commissioner of the District wherein the land lies. Upon each post, a notice in the following form shall be affixed:—

"A. B's land N. E. post" (meaning North-east post); "A. B's land N. W. post" (meaning North-west post); and so on, as the case may be;

and shall measure West of the Cascades 40 by 40 chains, and East of the Cascades 80 by 40 chains.

12. All lines shall run due North and South, and due East and West, and all locatees or claimants under this Ordinance must comply, in all cases, with the official survey when made.

13. A locatee of a Free Grant on unsurveyed land shall, after the official survey has been made, and within three months after a copy of the map of said land has been deposited in his District, and public notice thereof given in the *British Columbia Gazette*, make application to be located for the quarter section, or quarter section and portion of adjoining quarter section, as the case may be, in which the land upon which he has resided, and which he has improved, may be. In case of disputed ownership the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works shall determine the respective rights of the adverse claimants, according to priority of record and priority of settlement, and the fact of such settlement may be shewn by actual occupation of and improvements made on the land in dispute.

14. Any locatee shall, at any time after official survey and prior to the expiration of the term of occupation required by the "Land Ordinance Amendment Act, 1873," have the right or privilege, should he or she so desire it, of applying for and obtaining a Crown Grant of the land included in the Free Grant location, in the same manner as if the said land had been pre-empted in the first instance, upon payment, however, for the land, at the upset price fixed for pre-emption claims, and upon fulfilling the conditions applicable to pre-emption claims.

15. No land located as aforesaid, nor any interest therein, shall in any event be or become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or liability contracted or incurred by the locatee, his widow, heirs, or devisees, before the issuing of the Crown Grant for such land. After the issuing of the Crown Grant for any such land, and while such land or any part thereof, or any interest therein, is owned by the locatee, or his widow, heirs, or devisees, such land, part, or interest shall, during twenty years next after the date of such location, be exempt from attachment, levy under execution, or sale for payment of debts, and shall not be or become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or liability contracted or incurred before or during that period, save and except any debt secured by a valid mortgage or pledge of such land made subsequently to the issuing of the Crown Grant therefor.

16. Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed to exempt any land from levy or sale for rates or taxes, now or hereafter legally imposed.

17. Every Crown Grant to be issued for any land located as aforesaid, shall state in the body thereof, the name of the original locatee of the said land, and the date of the location, and that the said Crown Grant is issued under the authority of the "Land Ordinance Amendment Act, 1873."

18. Every location shall be recorded at the Land Office in the District, following the rules of record as to pre-emptions.

19. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works shall have power to cancel any Free Grant record, upon proof satisfactory to him that any of the above stipulations have not been complied with.

20. The provisions of the "Land Ordinance, 1870," and the "Land Ordinance Amendment Act, 1873," to be complied with, together with the above regulations.