

5. Every such board shall, at the end of every three months, or as soon after as opportunity offers, transmit to the office of the Governor's secretary, the petitions of that period, and a copy of the certificates given thereon; and when a petition contains a request for a greater quantity of land than the surveyor-general and his agents or deputy-surveyors are authorised, by the fourth and seventh articles of these regulations, to assign, upon certificates given by the said boards, they shall report the ground of such claim and pretensions, the consideration of which is reserved to the Governor and council; the board transmitting with the petitions of every period, a list expressing the names of the petitioners and the date of their certificates, and the quantum of the locations.

6. The boards shall, from time to time, forward like lists to each other every three months, or as soon after as opportunity offers.

7. The respective boards shall, on petitions from loyalists already settled in the upper districts, for further allotments of land under the instructions to the deputy-surveyor-general of the 2d of June 1787, or under prior or other orders, for assigning portions to their families, examine into the ground of such requests and claims, and being well satisfied of the justice thereof, they shall grant certificates for such further quantities of land, as the said instructions and orders may warrant, to the acting surveyors of their districts respectively, to be by them made effectual in the manner before mentioned; but to be void nevertheless, if prior to the passing the grant in form it shall appear to the Government that such additional locations have been obtained by fraud. And, that of these, the boards transmit to the office of the Governor's secretary, and to each other, like reports and lists as hereinbefore as to other locations directed.

8. And to prevent individuals from monopolizing such spots as contain mines, minerals, fossils, and conveniences for mills, and other singular advantages of a common and public nature, to the prejudice of the general interest of the settlers, the surveyor-general and his agents, or deputy-surveyors in the different districts, shall confine themselves in the locations to be made by them upon certificates of the respective boards, to such lands only as are fit for the common purposes of husbandry, and they shall reserve all other spots aforementioned, together with all such as may be fit and useful for ports and harbours, or works of defence, or such as contain valuable timber for ship-building or other purposes, conveniently situated for water carriage, in the hands of the Crown.

And they shall, without delay, give full and particular information to the Governor or commander-in-chief for the time being, of all such spots as are hereinbefore directed to be reserved to the Crown, that order may be taken respecting the same.

And the more effectually to prevent abuses, and to put individuals on their guard in this respect, any certificate of location given contrary to the true intent and meaning of this regulation is hereby declared to be null and void, and a special order of the Governor and council made necessary to pledge the faith of Government for granting of any such spots as are directed to be reserved.

9. The surveyor-general's office, for the purpose of combining the strength of the settlers and rendering them mutually assistant to each other, shall lay out the tracts or townships to be granted as nearly contiguous to each other as the nature of the country will permit; exercising all due care to give them certainty in the descriptions of their boundaries and locations, observing in each township to lay out town-plots, glebes, and other spaces for public uses, and certain equal portions at the corners thereof, to remain unlocated by any certificates to be given to individuals, by the authority of either of the boards above mentioned, the grant of such portions of every township so to remain to the Crown, being reserved to the future consideration of the Governor and council, or as His Majesty shall be pleased to command respecting the same.

10. The dimensions of every inland township shall be ten miles square; and such as are situated upon a navigable river or water shall have a front of nine miles, and be twelve miles in depth; and they shall be laid out and subdivided respectively in the following manner, viz:*

And the surveyor-general's office shall prepare accurate plans according to the above particulars, which shall be filed in the council-office, to be followed as a general model, subject to such deviations respecting the site of the town and direction of the roads as local circumstances may render more eligible for the general convenience of the settlers; but in every such case, it shall be the duty of the surveyor-general, and his agents or deputy-surveyors, to report the reasons for such deviation to the Governor, or commander-in-chief for the time being, with all convenient speed.

11. The surveyor-general's office shall prepare a plan of each district of the province, exhibiting thereon every tract granted under certificate of location, and there shall be added to it from time to time all tracts hereafter to be pledged, or promised, or granted; and as often as a petition shall have the proper sanction for the patent therein prayed for, the surveyor-general shall without delay file in the council-office his returns of survey, with such clear description of the tract as shall enable the attorney-general to prepare the draft of the patent or grant intended to be engrossed for the great seal.

12. The clerk of the council shall put the same returns of survey into the hands of the attorney-general, who shall return them with his draft of the patent into the office of the Governor's secretary, to be there stayed; or thence issued, as the Governor may see cause to direct.

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* The detail for the subdivision of townships above alluded to, referring to the diagrams to be filed in the Council-office, is omitted.