

I think it necessary to apprise you, that in future grants of land will not be given to any person whatever, with the exception of military settlers.

I therefore request that you will decline to forward to me any applications which may be addressed to you for free grants of land.

No. 1.
Regulations of the
Land Granting
Department.

Maj.-General Sir John Colborne, K. C. B.

I have, &c.

(signed)

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REGULATIONS for the granting Lands in the British North American Provinces.

(Copy.)

Sir,

Government House, 12th October 1831.

I am directed by the Lieutenant-governor to forward to you the accompanying instructions, and to request that in future they may be attended to in disposing of the waste lands of the Crown.

I have, &c.

The Hon. Peter Robinson.

(signed.)

E. M^cMahon, Acting Secretary.

REGULATIONS for granting Lands in the North American Provinces.

No. 1.

For the information of persons desirous of proceeding as settlers to His Majesty's provinces in North America, the following summary of the rules which have been established for the future regulation of grants of land, has been prefixed by the direction of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

Regulations for
granting Lands.

No. 2.

The commissioner of Crown lands will at least once in every year submit to the Governor a report of the land which it may be expedient to offer for sale within the ensuing year, and the upset price per acre at which he would recommend it to be offered; the land so offered having been previously surveyed and valued in one or more contiguous tracts of those most adapted for settlement, according to the local peculiarities of the province, and in proportion to the number of deputy-surveyors who can be employed.

No. 3.

The lands to be laid out in lots of 100 acres each, and plans of such parts as are surveyed to be prepared for public inspection, which plans may be inspected in the office of the surveyor-general, or in that of his deputies, in each district, on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d.

No. 4.

The commissioner of Crown lands will proceed to the sale in the following manner:
He will give public notice in the Gazette, and in such other newspaper as may be circulating in the province, as well as in any other manner that circumstances will admit of, of the time and place appointed for the sale of lands in each district, and of the upset price at which the lands are proposed to be offered; that the lots will be sold to the highest bidder; and if no offer should be made at the upset price, that the lands will be reserved for future sale in a similar manner, by auction.

No. 5.

The purchase money will be required to be paid down at the time of sale, or by four instalments with interest; the first instalment at the time of sale, and the second, third, and fourth instalments at the intervals of half a year.

If the instalments are not regularly paid, the deposit money will be forfeited, and the land again referred to the sale.

No. 6.

Public notice will be given in each district in every year, stating the names of the persons in each district who may be in arrears for the instalment of their purchases, and that if the arrears are not paid up before the commencement of the sales in that district for the following years, the lands in respect of which the instalments may be due will be the first lot to be exposed to auction at the ensuing sales; and if any surplus of the produce of the sale of each lot should remain, after satisfying the Crown for the sum due, the same will be paid to the original purchasers of the land who made default in payment.

No. 7.

The patent for the land will not be issued, nor any transfer of the property allowed until the whole of the instalments are paid. The lands sold under this regulation are not to be chargeable with quit rents, or any further payment beyond the purchase money for the expenses of the patent.

No. 8.

Persons desirous of buying land in situations not included in the tracts already surveyed must previously pay for the expense of survey, and the price must of course depend upon the quality of the land and its local situation.