

Lord Dorchester' Proclamation

At the Council Chamber at Quebec,

Monday 9th . November 1789.

Present,

His Excellency the Right Honourable. LORD DORCHESTER.

The Honble. WILLIAM SMITH, Efquire, Chief Juftice.

HUGH FINLAY,) GEORGE POWNALL,)

THOS. DUNN,) HENRY CALDWELL)

EDWD. HARRISON,) WILLIAM GRANT,)

JOHN COLLINS,) FRANCOIS BABY,) Efquires.

ADAM MABANE,) CHARLES DE LANAUDIÈRE,)

J.G.C. DELERY,) LE CTE. DUPRE',)

His Lordfhip intimated to the Council, that it remained a Queftion, upon the late Regulation for the Difpofition of the Wafted Lands of the Crown, whether the Boards, conftituted for that Purpofe, were authorized to make Locations to the Sons of Loyalifts, on their coming of full Age and that it was his wifh to put a Mark of Honour upon families who had adhered to the Unity of Empire, and joined the Royal Standard in America before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783.

The Council concurring with His Lordfhip, it is accordingly ORDERED,

That the feveral Land Boards take Courfe for preferving a Regiftry of the Names of all Perfons, falling under the aforementioned, to the End of their Pofterity may be difcriminated, from future Settlers, in the Parifh Regifters and Rolls of the Militia, of their refpective Diftricts, and other Public Remembrancers (sic) of the Province, as proper Objects, by their preferving in the Fidelity and Conduct, fo honourable to their Ancestors, for diftinguifhed Benefits and Privileges.

And it is alfo Ordered, that the faid Land Boards may, in every fuch Case, provide not only for the Sons of thofe Loyalifts, as they arrive to Full Age, but for their Daughters alfo, of that Age, or on their marriage, affigning to each a Lot of Two Hundred Acres, more or lefs, provided neverthelefs that they refpectively comply with the general Regulations and that it fhall fatifactorily appear, that there has been no Default in the due Cultivation and Improvements of the Lands already affigned to the Head of the Family, of which they are Members.

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Accompanying the resolution to London to be presented to the king, was attached a "Form of militia roll for the western diftricts to difcriminate the families before mentioned" which included the following.... "N.B. Thofe Loyalifts who have adhered to the unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their children and their descendants by either sex, are to be diftinguifhed by the following capitals, affixed to their names: U.E. alluding to their great principle the unity of the Empire."