

Veteran Officers.

No. 31/295.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 8th February 1831.

Sir,

The Surveyor General having stated in his Report for 15th May 1830, No. 30/38, that, in pursuance of the authority given to you by His Excellency the Governor, you have selected Twelve Hundred and eighty Acres of Land, situated in the County of Northumberland, Parish ~~un~~ unnamed, and bounded on the West by Lake Macquarie and by a line bearing North, seventy seven chains, ~~at~~ commencing at a Small Creek, the same forming part of the West Boundary; on the North by a line bearing due East, Eighty Chains; on the East by a line bearing ~~at~~ South, One Hundred and seventy seven chains; and on the South by a line bearing West, Ninety four chains, to the Lake; — Being the same Land of which you were authorised by my Letter of the 1st July 1829 to take possession as a "Reserve"; — and You having entered into a Bond that either Yourself or Your Family will reside in this Colony for Seven Years, I am directed to communicate to you His Excellency's Sanctions to take possession of the said Twelve hundred and eighty Acres of Land, and to retain the same (if it has been surveyed) until His Majesty's Pleasure be made known on the Subject, or until a regular Deed of Grant shall be made out in your Favor — provided that You fix your Residence thereon within three months from this date. —

Jonathan Warner Esq.
Newcastle.

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But if the Selection which you have made be in an unsurveyed part of the Country, it will not be possible to determine at present whether there are any prior claims, or other objections to your obtaining the precise spot applied for, or not. It is presumed, however, that there will be a sufficiency of Land for all purposes, and the Government will not interfere with your selection if it can be avoided..

If the Grant be confirmed, the Land is to be held by You in free and common Socage, on the following Conditions; viz.

1st - That you pay a Quit-rent to the Crown of One Pepper-corn per annum, for ever. -

2^d - Within Seven Years from the present date, you must expend, in Improvements on the Land, a Sum equal to one-half its Value, as it may be hereafter fixed by order of His Majesty's Government, under the Penalty of forfeiting the Grant. -

3^d - The Land is not to be alienable, under any pretence whatever, before the Expiration of Seven Years from this Date, nor until the Sum, above stipulated to be laid out in Improvements, shall have been actually expended on the said Land; and you will not be put in Possession of the Title Deeds until the end of that Period. -

4th - The Crown ^{will} reserve to itself all Land within One Hundred Feet of High Water Mark, on the Sea Coast, Creeks, Harbours, and Inlets; all Mines of Gold, Silver, and Coals; the right of making and constructing all Roads and Bridges which may be necessary for Public Purposes; and such Stone, indigenous Timber, and other Materials, the Produce of the Land, as may be required at any time for making

making the said Roads and Bridges and keeping them in repair, for Naval Purposes, and for Public Works, together with the Right of removing the same.

5th You must either reside in Person on the Land or employ in the immediate charge of it, as your Agent or Manager, a free Man, of approved Character and Respectability; and either yourself or your Family must continue in this Colony for seven Years from the 15th January 1830, being the date on which you ceased doing duty with the Veterans and retired to your farm.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Alm. W. Carey

P. S. - You will be pleased to return to me my letter of 10th July 1829, above-mentioned.

Colonial Secretary
8. Decr 1831. 1831/295.
Authority for taking
possession of 12000
bushes of land at St. John
Mandeville, with a
view to the Description of
the Boundary of
land being sold with
Belmont in 15 January
1830 and related to purchase