

*“ Instructions to be observed and pursued by the judges of his lordship's land office.*

“ 1st. You shall not permit any warrant to issue or other act or thing to be done in your office, which may intitle any person to land within this province until the agent and receiver general shall have certified the caution money to have been paid.

“ 2d. You shall not suffer any patent to issue upon any certificate founded either upon warrants of resurvey, escheat warrants, or warrants under the proclamation or any special warrant, until the agent has given a proper receipt for the caution money, as well for the value of the improvements and arrearages of rent, and his excellency the governor and chancellor has signified his approbation, nor are to suffer patents to issue upon certificates returned by virtue of a common or special warrant if there is more land included in the survey than the party had warrant for until the excess is paid for.

“ 3d. You are to keep a file in your office for the titlings given by the agent empowering you to issue either common or special warrants; you are also to keep a book for the purpose of recording all these titlings with the name of the person to whom the warrant is granted and for what number of acres. You have also to have colums in the same book to distinguish the money paid upon certificates of all sorts and return the said file and book every year into the revenue office for examination.

“ 4th. When a warrant for a determinate number of acres is obtained, as more than is expressed is some time surveyed, so is a lesser number of acres, and the party after applying part of his warrant to one survey is at liberty afterwards to apply the residue till the whole warrant is exhausted in other surveys, and it not unfrequently happens that warrants for a determinate number of acres are applied to make good the consideration becoming due on certificates of surveys made in pursuance of warrants for an indeterminate number of acres, in consequence of this connexion between the agent and land office, the required check may be easily formed.

“ 5th. You shall not pass any lands hereafter to be granted, unto our secretary, agent, commissary general, judge of the land office or attorney general or their wives and children, until special leave shall be had and obtained from his lordship or the lieutenant governor for the time being, but that any of the said officers may by warrant and location have a survey made to entitle themselves to the preference of lands liable to be granted.