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By His EXCELLENCY;

ROBERT JOHNSON, Esqr;

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of
SOUTH-CAROLINA,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have thought fit (by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council) to dispose of His Majesty's Lands, not yet purchased, to such Persons as are willing to take out Grants for the same, and to cultivate and improve it as His Majesty directs:

AND WHEREAS several Persons have heretofore received Deputations from former Surveyors General, to run out and admeasure Lands, which Deputations being now superceded by His Majesty's Commission, appointing *James St. John*, Esq; Surveyor General of this Province; I HAVE therefore thought fit (by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council) to issue this my Proclamation, strictly forbidding any Person whatsoever to survey or admeasure any of His Majesty's Lands in this Province, until he have a Warrant from me for so doing; and that he has received a Deputation and Power from His Majesty's said Surveyor General, to act under him as His Deputy, and not presume to sign or return any Certificates of Lands by them run out or admeasured, for which they had not legal Warrants from me, as they shall answer the contrary at their Peril. And the said *James St. John*, Esq; being also His Majesty's Auditor and Comptroller of his Revenues in this Province, all Persons concerned are to take Notice thereof, and that the said Auditor and Comptroller is ready to enter all Grants and Conveyances for Land, pursuant to an Act of Assembly past for that Purpose this present Session of the General Assembly, upon Application made to him at his Office in *Charles-Town*

AND WHEREAS His Majesty has Impowered and directed me to dispose of his Lands in this Province not yet granted or purchased, under several Rules and Restrictions: And I thinking it for His Majesty's Service, and that of this his Province, that the said Lands should be disposed of for the better strengthening and settling the same, and for encouraging New Comers,

I HAVE ALSO thought fit [by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council] to give this Notice, that Warrants shall issue for the Survey of such Lands as may be granted from His Majesty to such Persons as shall apply for the same by Petition to me in Council, to be heard on the 17th Day of *November* Instant, on the Terms and Conditions contained in His Majesty's Instructions, and paying the Fees appointed by Law, as in a Table ordered to be set up in the Secretary's Office in *Charles-Town*, together with a Copy of the said Instructions, where (on Application) every one may view the same, and also the Regulations settled by me and His Majesty's Council, for his further Information.

By His Excellency's Command,
Charles Hart, Secretary.

GIVEN under my Hand and Great Seal of
this His Majesty's Province at *Charles-Town*,
this Fourth Day of *November*, Anno Dom.
1731. And in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's
Reign.

ROBERT JOHNSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING.