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Copy of a Proclamation relating to taking out Lands - seating the same and payment of Just Rents and the form of a Grant of Land (referred to in the Governors Letter of 14 Nov. 1731)

By His Excellency Robert Johnson Esq. 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received deputations from former Surveyors General, to run out and admeasure Lands, which deputations being now superseded by His Majesty's Commission appointing James S^r John Esq.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
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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 of Lands, pursuant to An act of Assembly past for that purpose this present Sessions of the General Assembly upon Application made to him at his Office in Charles Town

And Whereas His Majesty has empowered 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 for the better strengthening and settling the same and for encouraging new comes

I have also thought fit (by and with the Advice 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 1st day of Nov^r 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. Given under my hand and Great Seal of this His Majesty's Province at Charles Town this 4th day of November

1731 And in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign. Robert Johnson

By His Excell^{ty}'s Command
Charles St. John Secretary

God save the King