By His EXCELLENCY;

ROBERT JOHNSON, Esq;

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

A PROCLAMATION.

HEREAS I have thought fit (by and with the Advice of His Majestg's Council) to dispose of His Majestg'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 Majestg directs;

AND WHEREAS several Persons have heretofore received Depositions from former Surveyors General, to run out and admeasure Lands, which Depositions being now superseded by His Majestg's Commission, appointing James St. John, Esq, Surveyor General of this Province, I HAVE therefore thought fit (by and with the Advice of His Majestg's Council) to affix this my Proclamation, whereby forbidding any Person whatsoever to survey or admeasure any of His Majestg's Lands in this Province, until he shall have a Warrant from me for so doing; and that he has received a Deputation Power from His Majestg's said Surveyor General, to act under him as His Deputy, and not presume to sign or atten any Certificates of Lands by them run out or admeasured, for which they had not Legal Warrant; as they shall answer the contrary at their Peril. And the said James St. John, being also His Majestg'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 the present Session of the General Assembly, upon Application made to him, at his Office in Charles-Town.

AND WHEREAS His Majestg has empowered and directed me to dispose of his Lands in this Province not yet granted or purchased, under several Rules and Regulations: And I therefore thought fit (by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majestg's Council) to give this Notice that all Persons shall bear to the Survey of such Lands as may be granted from His Majestg 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 Majestg'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 Majestg's Council, for his further Information.

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

ROBERT JOHNSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING.