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14 November 1731

Copy of a proclamation relating to taking out Lands, selecting the same

and payment of Quit 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 Maj'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 depositions

from former Surveyors General, to run out and admeasure Lands, which

depositions being not superseded by His Majesty's Commission appointing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 deputa-

tion 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 Efforts

by them run out or admeasured for which they had not legal Warrants

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Governor Robert Johnson's Proclamation, 1731. S213088, Secretary of State. Records Deposited with the Secretary. Formations of Records in the British Public Records Office Relating to SC, 1663-1782. SC Department of Archives and History, Columbia, SC.

And Whereas His Majesty has empowered, and directed me to dispose of His lands in this province, not yet granted or purchased, under several Rates and Restrictions. And thinking it for His Majesty's service, and that of this His province, that the said lands should be disposed for better strengthening and settling the same and for encouraging newcomers.

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 15th day of the Instant in 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 at Charleston, together with a Copy of the said Instructions, where on (application) every one may view the same, and all the Regulations settled by me and His Majesty's Council, for the further Information, Given under my hand and Seal of this His Majesty's Province at Charleston this 15th day of November 1731, and in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign. Robert Johnson

God save the King