

# Lord Dorchester's Proclamation

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At the Council Chamber at Quebec,  
Monday 9th November, 1789.

His Lordship intimated to the Council, that it remained a question, upon the late regulations for the disposition of the waste lands of the Crown, whether the Boards, constituted for that purpose, were authorized to make Locations to the Sons of Loyalists, on their coming to full age and that it was his wish to put a mark of honour upon the families who had adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard in America before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783.

The Council concurring with His Lordship, it is accordingly ordered that the several Land Boards take course for preserving a Registry of the names of all persons, falling under the description aforementioned, to the end that their posterity may be discriminated, from future Settlers, in the Parish Registers and Rolls of the Militia of their respective Districts, and other Public Remembrances of the Province, as proper objects, by their preserving in the fidelity and conduct, so honourable to their Ancestors, for distinguished benefits and privileges.

And it is also Ordered, that the said Land Boards may, in every such case, provide not only for the Sons of those Loyalists, as they arrive to Full Age, but for their Daughters also, of that Age, or on their marriage, assigning to each a Lot of two hundred Acres, more or less, provided nevertheless that they respectively comply with the general regulations and that it shall satisfactorily appear that there has been no default in the due cultivation and improvements of the Lands already assigned to the Head of the family of which they are Members.

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