

Letter Bk. IV of such Warrant a Survey is made & Certificate thereof returned to the Examiner with a particular Account therein of the Improvements (if any) on the Land therein described such as Houses Orchards or the like. The Examiner having found the Certificate right & passed the same, returns it to the Land Office where it lies untill the party applies for & carries it to

p. 81 the Agent in Order to Compound or pay the Caution Money & also what may be demanded for the Improvements, & when the Party has made such payment the Agent endorses on the Certificate the Sum Total that he has received & signifies that patent may therefore issue; A Patent being then prepared in the Office is brought to the Governor who being satisfied by the Agents' Endorsement on the Certificate that all Requisites have been complied with on the Part of the Patentee Signs his Name thereon in Token of Approbation & moreover passes the Patent in the manner above described, for the Reason already given I likewise send Your Ldp Copies of a Petition, Special Warrant, Warrant of Resurvey Surveyors Certificate with the Examiner's Endorsement & Agents Receipt or Acknowledgment thereon & also of Patent passed in Consequence thereof which Copies being stitched together are marked with the Letter B.—Now my Ld as this Process or mode of Proceeding is always observed & every Petition, Warrant, Certificate & Patent regularly entered in the Land Records, & those Records kept in a Publick Office (the Judges of which Office as well as the Register being under the Tye of an Oath to execute their Duty faithfully) I cannot for my own Part propose any Alteration in the method of issuing Warrants &c. that could be made for the better, & really it seems to be generally acknowledged that throughout N America there is not a more regular & unexceptionable Scheme pursued, but indeed it was not from the first Settlement of the Province on the same Footing, & to that it must be principally attributed that the Rent Rolls are & will perhaps for ever be in some measure erroneous. The Escheat Warrants that are applied for being very few & the Surveyors being always very particular in their Descriptions of the Land

p. 82 & the Improvements thereon the Agent is never at a Loss to estimate or Value such Land, & as he acknowledges his Receipt of the Caution Money on the Back of the Certificate which must go thro the hands of the Judges of the Land Office & Chancellor there is no more room for Fraud here than in the Case of special Warrants or Warrants of Resurvey, concerning which I have wrote very fully to Your Ldp already. I think Your Ldp will be satisfied by what I have said that it is scarcely possible for Your Ldp's Revenue to be prejudiced by any thing that can be transacted in the Land Office unless