

right judgment as to the number of acres, and the situation and value of the land which ought to be set apart for that purpose, or at least what value in specie should be established as the measure of the donation. In this enquiry, they confess that they have not received as full satisfaction as they had hoped for from the undertaking. Altho' estimates of the actual losses and sacrifices of some individuals have been made out and laid before the committee, they are however so few in number, and bear so small a proportion to the whole, that they afford no satisfactory rule by which a tolerably accurate decision may be made as to the aggregate of the losses sustained. From the best information which the committee have obtained, there appear to have been about 229 refugees from Canada (some with and others without families). 22 of whom are suggested to have been the principal sufferers, and the rest to be sufferers in a small degree. Of both descriptions, some, as has been suggested, and is believed, have been already compensated, either wholly or in part, and not a few returned to Canada, both before and since the peace, to possess their property or to pursue their business; neither the names nor numbers of whom have been exactly ascertained. It appears from returns, the originals of which are in the war office, that 292 men, women and children, were victualled at Albany and Fishkill, from the public stores in 1784, and that in the following year, rations were drawn for 93 only. It also appears from another voucher in the same office, that 205 were returned for, and entitled to lands in the state of New-York, pursuant to an act of the legislature thereof, of the 11th of May 1784. In this state of uncertainty, not only as to the extent of the losses or sufferings of the Canadian refugees, but as to the number of those who remain uncompensated, or whose compensation was inadequate, it is not easy for the committee to decide with satisfactory precision, what specie value the lands to be distributed among them, should bear; and still more difficult to ascertain the number of acres which