

“such person or persons as shall by you or him be appointed, &c.”

In consequence of the mode thus adopted, upwards of 150 Warrants of Survey for Townships were issued, even before any Commissioners were appointed to administer the solemnities previously required by the said Instructions : but notwithstanding the number of Warrants thus issued, the business of settlement went on very tardily, even at the time when it was understood that Government was to discharge half the expense of running the outlines, which delay, as appears by Reports from the Land Committee and the Surveyor General's Office, arose from the uncertainty of the Settlers with respect to three material points.

First,—With regard to the position of the Reserves intended for the benefit of the Crown and the support of the Protestant Clergy ;—Secondly, the amount of the Fees to be paid on obtaining a Patent, and thirdly, the quantity of Land which the Petitioners and their Associates may expect.—A considerable portion of time elapsed before these points were settled. However towards the close of the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, the objects of the Reserves and Fees being brought forward by His Excellency Lord Dorchester were ascertained and determined by His Lordship in Council, and afterwards were made known to the Public.

At this period the former Chairman of the Committee of the whole Council was no more, and within a short time afterwards every Member of the present Council had a Seat at the Board.

The business of the Land granting began seriously to be resumed and Commissioners for giving effect to His Majesty's Instructions were duly appointed.

Upon a view of former proceedings the error that had heretofore occurred was noticed and immediate course was taken to repair it, and this in the opinion of the Committee is the true period at which an effective