

much more from the disposition of the colonists themselves, the republican principles of some, and the lukewarm affection of others. From the origin of some of the settlements, formed at the close of the American war entirely by refugee loyalists, we might naturally expect to find among them a population firmly attached to the interests of Britain. The fidelity, of which they had given proof during the war, was recompensed by the scrupulous attention of Government to their relief and support, when the contest became desperate ; and, in all the situations where an asylum was provided for them, they received advantages unprecedented in the history of colonization. This generous conduct of Government has not been forgotten ; and the most satisfactory dispositions still remain among these loyalists and most of their descendants.

But the general character of some of the colonies has received an unfortunate tinge, from the admixture of settlers of a very different description. Numbers of Americans,