

from Three Rivers to Hereford is about 150 miles, according to the routes now travelled. The consequence is, that suits for ten shillings and less, in the distant Townships, have cost as much as fourteen dollars, for the service of the summons, and the return of the same to the court of Montreal, or Three Rivers, independent of further proceedings. The adoption of the measure here recommended would embrace many advantages, and facilitate various improvements. One in particular ought to be mentioned. It is that of establishing a register-office, in which all deeds of sale, mortgage, &c. and, in general, all deeds and notarial acts relating to real estates, in order to render them valid, should be registered. The want of such an office and record, to give security to the purchase of real estates, is very much complained of in this country. It is so much wanted, that no title to land, except a sheriff's title, is in general deemed secure.

The people of these Townships can scarcely be said to be represented in the House of Assembly. The counties to which they belong are so large, and the places of election are, in general, so distant from them, that for the most part they do not take the pains of giving their votes in the election of a representative. Good roads, or the appointment of new places of election, more contiguous, and commodious to the parts lately settled, would in some degree remedy this evil; but the better way of removing it would be the formation of new counties.