

circumstances, are constantly in danger, if not of being actually turned out of their possessions, yet at least of being harrassed with attempts to that effect, by persons who through misrepresentation or otherwise may obtain grants of the tracts so possessed. This, is not a mere imaginary danger. Instances of such attempts are known to have occurred.

It is true, that according to a regular and just administration of law on the subject, they could not be deprived of such possessions by virtue of grants so obtained; but, of this they are not in general aware, and therefore, entertain an anxiety lest it should actually take place. This evil, however light, or inconsiderable in way appear, it would be well, as far as possible, to abviate or remove. It should seem indeed, to be highly desirable and important, that the government should interfere in the very first instance, for the assistance of persons under those circumstances, and should quiet and secure them in their possessions, by rendering their titles compleat.

Such have been the embarrassments, and difficulties, which persons emigrating to the Colony, as well as others have had to contend with, in settling upon our wild and uncultivated land, and it cannot be doubted, but, that they have had some effect in preventing its more extensive improvement.

However prominently, and pointedly they have here been exhibited, still, they are not equal to those, which persons of the like descriptions, are obliged to encounter in obtaining land in some of the other Colonies, and are far from being of such magnitude as will be met with, in procuring it in those parts of the United States, to which so many persons, even from the British Empire, have recently been resorting. Still, however,