

ever, that they are the result of my own observation and enquiry ; but I prefer giving you a more convincing proof, and will therefore tell you that they are the result of experience, of dear bought experience to many.

Although direct and encouraged Emigration from the Mother Country to this, is a scheme something new to us, the formation of Settlements is by no means so. We have had four within the last twelve years, the Sherbrooke and Dalhousie (Military Settlements) Hammond Plains and Preston (Black Settlements). That at Sherbrooke was formed in 1816, when the Officer whose name it bears was Lieutenant Governor of the Province ; it was principally composed of disbanded Soldiers from the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Regiments, which were reduced in this Country. The Dalhousie Settlement was laid out two or three years after, under the auspices of our present Governor in Chief, on the disbandment of the 98th Regiment, which also took place here. The Settlers of both received great encouragement from Government : for eighteen months or two years, Provisions were gratuitously furnished them and their families, and many of them became Out Pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, an advantage which poor Emigrants from the North of England or South of Ireland, cannot expect to enjoy. The Settlements at Hammond Plains and Preston, that I have denominated "*Black Settlements*," are composed of the Negro Slaves which were carried off from the Coasts of the Southern States during the last

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