

ment would no doubt prove a great attraction to emigrants having any means at their disposal, and might be sold for a price which would pay a great part at least of the expense of the labour which had been so employed. As a reward for good conduct, it might perhaps in some instances be expedient that emigrants who had been employed as labourers should be permitted to become the purchasers upon credit. If, however, the necessity of employing large numbers of labourers upon account of Government should compel you to adopt this manner of settling a portion of them upon land, the interests of the Crown might be more effectually secured by making the assignment of each lot subject to the condition that one half should revert to the Crown if the stipulated price were not paid within a stated period. This, however, and all other matters of detail, I may with perfect confidence leave to your own judgment; I have no doubt that you will adopt such arrangements as circumstances may require; nor do I anticipate that you will have any difficulties to contend with which may not easily be overcome. The natural demand for labour in the province appears to be so extensive, that I entertain little apprehension that no more will be required on the part of the executive Government than to take the necessary steps for forwarding the emigrants, immediately on their arrival, to places of their ultimate destination, and for distributing them in various parts of the province, as their services are required.

UPPER CANADA.

Visct. Goderich to
Sir J. Colborne.

— No. 6. —

Extract of a DESPATCH from Lieut.-governor Sir *John Colborne*, addressed to Viscount *Goderich*; dated York, 7 April 1832.

WITH reference to your Lordship's despatch of the 31st October, on the subject of emigration, and respecting the arrangements made in this province for the reception and disposal of emigrants, I beg leave to inform your Lordship that all the indigent emigrants who were established on land last season signed an agreement previously to their receiving their location tickets, by which they are bound to pay for their lots at the rate of 5 s. per acre, in six years, by instalments. Most of them have now cleared a sufficient number of acres to support their families, with the aid of wages they may earn occasionally in working for the officers of the army and navy, and proprietors of land, who entered the back townships lately, and possess means of employing them. The system of maintaining emigrants for a few months on land which they may purchase on credit, would, under all circumstances, I have no doubt, be found the best mode of settling this country, if the expense incurred in advancing them provisions in proportion to the acres cleared could be met by the territorial revenue, or the funds raised by parishes desirous of removing their redundant population.

Sir J. Colborne to
Visct. Goderich.

The sum expended last year, including the charges for agents, transport and temporary accommodation and provisions, does not exceed 5,000 l. The details of this expenditure will appear in the accounts of the respective agents employed, which have been regularly forwarded to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

I am persuaded that this amount has been distributed with the greatest benefit to emigrants and to the province, with particular reference to the immediate relief afforded to the settlers from Yorkshire and Wiltshire, and the unusual number of emigrants that entered Upper Canada, by the St. Lawrence, from June to September, and to the 600 industrious families which have been located in new townships.

It is evident that many substantial advantages must result from a system by which the local government is enabled to occupy with a dense population any tract of country, which, from its position, ought to be brought into cultivation, but which probably would not, in the ordinary course pursued, become habitable, or at any rate valuable, for 50 years.

Settlers possessing capital are daily making applications for land in the townships which were opened to the indigent emigrants of last year. This beneficial result of the aid afforded by Government to emigrants should not be overlooked; for it enables the Commissioner of Crown Lands to effect sales in remote townships, and raise the value of all waste lands in their vicinity.

Ord, a township settled only last season, will soon have the appearance of an old township; and, from this successful experiment, I am induced to request that