

more easy, this burthen would be less felt. Still, the distance of the Frontier Townships from these places is so great, that it is much to be desired that they were erected into a district with a separate jurisdiction. If courts of law are necessary to the good order of society, no society ought to be far removed from them, longer than the evil can be remedied. The people of these Townships are far from being so destitute of good principles and good conduct as some persons who are not acquainted with them have been used to consider them ; yet, they would benefit by the restraints and checks and easier access to justice and legal awards and penalties, which would be introduced among them by the establishment of a Court of Jndicature in their neighbourhood. Not only their distance from the Courts of Montreal and Three Rivers, but also their situation bordering on the Province Line increases the expediency of this measure. Where escape from arrest, or prosecution, is rendered so easy by flight into a foreign land, and where fugitives from justice in a neighbouring country will seek a retreat, (evils inseparable from districts bordering on foreign states), it is particularly desirable that every obstacle in the way of legal measures, and the prompt execution of the laws, should as far as possible be removed. This can only be effected by the method here proposed. The want of such a legal establishment must be manifest when the distance of the Frontier Townships from Montreal and Three Rivers is considered. From Montreal to Barnston is about 120 miles, and