

war. The treaty of Utrecht had fully settled the extent of our northern colonies, but the western limits of those on the southern continent, was unhappily left to the decision of the sword on a future day, which, fortunately for the peace of our dominions in that part of the world, was decided in our favour. The security of our colonies was not the only advantage acquired ; the monopoly of the fur and peltry trade was gained by it, and the extent of our fishery greatly enlarged, as well as a most extensive territory, of near 1200 miles in length, and about 400 in breadth, which was ceded to us by that treaty. The establishing of a settled form of government in so great a dominion, must undoubtedly be an object of attention, and much more so when we consider the increased population in those parts within these few years ; in fixing upon which, there are some particular points to be attended to, which ought to be considered as the funda-