

tensions that have been laid before them, and were well content to have such general rules to resort to, in their decision upon matters involving interests and expectations, which would be supported by much eagerness and anxiety, yet they held themselves at liberty to pass, and actually have passed an equitable construction in all cases, when the party had claim to produce either of known personal loyalty, or real improvement on the Lands.

The specific cases of the Townships of Stukely and Orford are mentioned under this head, and the hardships sustained by the respective Leaders enlarged upon, the Committee have good reasons to assign, to excuse themselves from the imputations of having inflicted those hardships: but the detail were now useless, as the original Leaders and Associates of those Townships, and numbers of others, are now in actual possession under legal Grants, or may obtain possession under the Orders passed in Council, since the commencement of Your Excellency's administration, to the amount of nearly One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Acres.

Having submitted these remarks to Your Excellency, in the order and manner proposed, the Committee humbly hope that they now stand justified from the charges adduced against them.

They do not understand themselves as called upon to offer any opinion on the several prayers contained in the said Memorial, as the same are addressed to His Majesty's Royal Munificence, further than to submit to Your Excellency's serious consideration the great inconvenience and confusion which must unavoidably follow from the adoption of any new regulations.

They will only take occasion to mention, that as the sixth prayer contains the specific cases of the Townships of Shipton and Brompton, that Orders of Council have already passed for the same, and that the parties are in actual possession of the said Townships as stated in the said prayer.