

# JOURNAL

## OF A TOUR &c.

Having started from Montreal for Berthier and Sorel. I first give a short account of my trip there, previous to beginning my Journal thro' the above Townships.

August 16th 1839.—Berthier is a small village situated opposite Sorel. In it I found a pretty good market and several wharves, and saw a field of wheat near the Village apparently all eat up by the fly; a Canadian told me it was all eat up round Berthier; another living 12 miles off, said it was not much eat there. Put up at an Inn kept by a man named Lord, an Acadian by descent, his grandfather being one of those French Settlers in Nova Scotia who came to Quebec at the time, Nova Scotia was taken by the English. This Landlord had a fine family, of wife and 5 or 6 children, and exhibited in his conduct the feature which is characteristic of the Canadian habitant, great fondness for his children; a poor infant of his had been run over by a cart, but escaped with the wheel grazing its head, and it was surprising to see the tenderness of the Father, mother and the rest of the children to it; the accident happened a week before this date, the child was still ill and irritable but