

friend, travelling this spring in the wilderness of Canada, came unexpectedly upon men planting young fruit trees, conveyed thither by water, that they might thereby enhance the value of their sale lots, by stating that they abutted on a cherry garden, or were surrounded by a wild orchard. A settler that I knew bought a farm for 150 guineas, of a resident merchant, but in two years was ejected by the *right owner*: all he got of his money, was £50 in damaged goods, not worth so many shillings. The settler would also do well to remember, that an American may buy land, but, unless he has been naturalized, cannot sell it. Thus Mr. Bailey, of Hamilton, purchasing a house on John Street, it turned out that the seller, an American, had not taken the oaths of allegiance; no other disadvantage, however, resulted from this circumstance, than obliging him to remove the building—a common thing in America; see note 29—which doing, to a vacant spot in the rear; thus realized the anomaly of a freehold house upon hired land.

263. Taking possession, after purchase, is called, in the phraseology of the country, drawing your land. The quantity of land described as located in favor of U. E. Loyalists, is 1,664,600 acres, and for militia claimants 504,100 acres. Canadians are somewhat jealous of the Americans; that they are secretly manœuvring, not exactly with the inoffensive good humor of a much respected yeoman of England, in whose sequestered dwelling I some time resided, who was fond of posing the *learned* with—Can you spell bullock in *two* letters (*ox*) but rather after the inordinate example of Ahab of old, so pithily recorded by the sacred historian. Jonathan distinguishes a Dutch or French Canadian, by the term *Kanuk*.

264. The Marquis of Bath, 1831, partly opened the township of Dummer, in Newcastle District—so named from my friend the Hon. Chief Justice William *Dummer* Powell, recently deceased—as a settlement for a portion of his cottage-tenants: it is prosperous, and consists of about 700 souls. They were preceded by a migration of sixty-five persons from another part of his estates, situated in Corsley, near Warminster, Wilts., who I understand, are also doing well. The individual expense of each, including provisions, passage, and 25s. upon arrival, as pocket money, was but £8! The Marquis' example has been followed by the Earl of Egremont, and other noblemen, with equal success; and, though less recently, by many others, with similar results: whilst an Irish peer of amiable character and great wealth, is now in this country, making arrangements for locating a considerable number of the sturdy laborers on his domains. The system of sending out parish poor with sovereigns jingling in their pockets upon landing, is a wrong one: the novelty of their situation, with the seductions of cheap liquor—distilled from the refuse of farms and the markets—added to a hundred other evils in the train of idleness and vice, bring on speedy dissolution, or prostrated energies. To remedy