

to the North American Colonies, the local government being the only fit judges of the means which a party may possess for cultivating lands in the province, and of the extent which it may be proper to assign to them.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

HENRY GOULBURN.

*Mr. Robert Gourlay.*

No. 5.

*Margate, 2d October, 1821.*

My Lord,

Mr. Goulburn's letter of 15th ultimo, in reply to mine of the 7th, addressed to your Lordship, reached me in course, but ill health, which has obliged me to come to this place for recovery, has caused me to delay again troubling your Lordship on the subject of emigration. I have, indeed, hesitated a little, whether I should continue this correspondence, being very unwilling to make unavailing trouble. On mature reflection, however, I feel that I should not be satisfied with myself without more particularly communicating my views; and your Lordship will, I trust, listen to explanation whatever be the result.

Mr. Goulburn says, in his letter to me, "It is impossible to give you any more definite answer than what you have already received respecting grants of land to individuals proceeding to North American Colonies." Now, what I wish to treat about does not concern me as an individual only. As an individual, I could readily procure, on going either to Canada or to the United States of America, more land than I could myself cultivate. It is now four years since I first proposed to conduct to Canada a large party of settlers, and, indeed, to make a continued business of promoting emigration. I studied the subject in Canada, found that my scheme could be put in practice, at once to my own and the public benefit, and took every means to qualify myself for the undertaking. I sent home three letters to be presented to your Lordship, all with one uniform and settled determination; and as I have more and more reflected on what I had, and still have in view, the more am I inclined to proceed. The letters alluded to were dated 3d November, 1817, February 7th, 1818, and 24th March, 1818; and, no doubt, were shown to your Lordship, through the medium of Sir Henry Torrens. In these letters I spoke of a contract which I was desirous to make with Government for the settlement of Canada with British subjects; and it is this contract which I would willingly engage with. Under this contract I could pay to Government a considerable sum of money for the land, and greatly promote the comfort and prosperity of settlers. Although the value of land has of late years greatly fallen in America, I could afford to pay Government one dollar per acre say for one million of acres to begin with, by three instalments, at the end of five, six, and seven years, and so on for an indefinite