

for some Years afterwards, subdued in North America; and submitting, that the additional Evidence produced, was still insufficient to ascertain various Particulars necessary to be known: viz.

The present Titles, by which the Lands were possessed:

The Persons by whom possessed:

Their present Value, and the Nature of the Tenures by which they were holden:

The exact local Situation; their Extent and Population, and whether any and what Claims are made by the Heirs of the Donors of such Part of the Lands as were given to the religious Order by private Persons.

And the Report concludes by submitting, that the said several Particulars, and all other material Circumstances attending the Lands in question, may be best ascertained by an Enquiry, instituted in the Province by Commissioners to be appointed by His Majesty's Governor, or by such Proceedings in the Nature of an Inquisition as he should find most consonant to the Laws and Customs of the Province, to institute for that Purpose; and that should such Particulars should be fully ascertained, they were still unable to prepare such Grant to the Petitioner as would be valid in Law.

This Report from the Law Officers was referred by His Majesty to the Consideration of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations; who, by their Report to His Majesty, dated the 10th of the said Month, submitted their Opinion, That, in Consideration of the Difficulties and Delay that had hitherto attended the carrying into Effect His Majesty's gracious Intention in favour of the Petitioner, His Majesty might authorize and direct the Governor of the Province of Quebec to cause the several Particulars, stated by the Attorney and Solicitor General in their above Report, and all other Circumstances attending the Lands in question, to be ascertained by Commissioners to be appointed, &c. &c. &c.; and that, upon return thereof, the Governor should prepare a Grant, under the Seal of the Province, to the Petitioner, and his Heirs and Assigns, of so much of the Estate-belonging to the Crown in the said Province, as might be legally granted, under such Tenures and Conditions, such Payments and other Rights of Sovereignty, as might by Law belong to His Majesty, and under the Reservations and Conditions mentioned in His Majesty's former Order of the 10th November 1770, and excepting thereout such Parts or Parts thereof as His Majesty's Governor should judge necessary to be