

river, there take boat, and send their cattle by land. This country from the reduction till the year 1790, was included in the province of Quebec, and from the year 1774, the civil administration was vested in a Governor and Legislative Council, at that time best adapted to the ideas of the people, who were most entirely French, and from prejudice, preferred that form of government, being most analogous to what they had been accustomed to prior to the conquest of Canada, but at the conclusion of the late dissensions between Great-Britain and America, Upper Canada, then called the back posts, was held out as an assylum to those who had adhered to the unity of the British empire, and who generally came under the denomination of loyalists.—From the peace to the year 1790, government delegated to land boards the power of granting lands to any applicants, if men of morality and sobriety.

In the year 1790, the wisdom of the British government, was eminently evinced in dividing that large country, into two separate governments, and granting to each a constitution, on the most liberal and disinterested principles, a constitution for freedom and the rights of man, perhaps unequalled in the