

Leeds, Ireland and Chester, first opened by the Military, under Sir James Craig, upon which settlement has subsequently taken place, was in some parts injudiciously carried straight over lofty hills which might in several instances have been avoided; in consequence of which the inhabitants in such localities, thinly scattered thereon, have never been able, and from the fruitless prospect of doing it with advantage, are little disposed to attempt to keep such portions in a state of repair; and they are fast relapsing into a state of nature and thereby rendered impassable.

“And that from the nature of the country thro’ which this road passes, it cannot be so advantageously made the main road from Quebec to the Eastern Townships, as the road leading from Richardson’s, in the Seignior of St. Giles, thro’ Ste. Croix, Nelson and Inverness, which latter road this meeting recommends with such slight deviations from its present line, as may be found expedient to avoid hills, swamps and other obstructions as far as may be practicable to do so.

Which resolution was passed with an amendment by Mr. Wickham.

There are to be applications to Government made on this subject by the Committee appointed by the above Meeting, and some of the Townships themselves. A gentleman at the meeting justly observed it was unreasonable to expect people to settle on lands when they had no road to get to them. The same gentleman instanced a remarkable case of the beneficial effects of opening roads in promoting settlement of lands. He had purchased a seignior in 1830, and had opened roads to it, while owners of the neighbouring seignio-

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