

have an equitable claim upon Government, but those only who having forfeited their claim or having no claim at all had made actual Settlement without sufficient authority.

These successive measures would be alone sufficient to evince the anxiety of the Executive Council to resist actual Settlement without authority from the first moment that the necessary powers to carry the Granting of Lands into effect were in existence ; but the most convincing proof of their disposition as well as of the influence of that disposition upon the public opinion, arises from the conduct and forbearance of a numerous body of applicants who, possessed of that operative Instrument, a warrant of Survey, have, from a principle of decency, refrained from taking possession. This is a fact which added to their Public Notices affords in the opinion of the Committee the strongest proof of the position they have asserted.

APPENDIX D.

Whereas several Warrants of Survey of the ungranted Lands of the Crown have been directed to be made out on behalf of divers persons who have applied for the same and their Associates; And whereas it is expedient, that prior to the issuing of any Grant of Land, enquiry should be made into the principles and character of such persons as may be desirous of becoming Settlers in this Province, before they are admitted to take the Oaths and subscribe the Declaration by His Majesty's Instructions directed to be required, Public Notice is hereby given that for the purpose aforesaid His Excellency Guy Lord Dorchester the Governor in Council has been pleased to nominate and appoint the following persons to be Commissioners :