

the former Agent, and who were entitled thereto by the labour they had performed thereon ; whilst in other cases some individuals were judiciously located by the Agent on lots left waste, although formerly located to others.

Transfer of
Location.

THIS leads me to a subject which requires to be stated, and prevented as much as possible hereafter ; I allude to the practice the Emigrants have of surrendering their lots to the Agent, but not before they have acquired, from the individual who immediately applies for the surrendered lot, (which he commonly obtains unknown to the Agent,) a sum of money, (10 or £15, more or less,) the same being proportionate either to the improvements made, or, if none exists, to the conveniencies of the parties from causes or motives best known to themselves ; this practice may be said to extend to the three Townships I have inspected.

Location of
200 Acres.

I CANNOT withhold noticing that, by the Agent's, (Captain Colclough,) report it will appear that several individuals have received locations for 200 acres, especially the Cochranes, some of whom are said to be absent ; this cannot be authorised, inasmuch as an Agent ought not, strictly speaking, to locate 100 acres without an Order of Council, although he may grant permits of occupation. This injunction, I apprehend, has been overlooked in many of the Townships, yet no serious consequences have arisen therefrom, inasmuch as most of the Settlers do occupy their lands—but it is extremely irregular and the same ought to be avoided. One thing much complained of, regarding the permits of occupation, is,

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that they do not contain the conditions respecting the settling duties, placing thereby both the Agent and Settler in an unpleasant situation ; perhaps it might be better to authorise the Agents to give loca-