

they live in. This is chiefly to be done by making laws and regulations calculated to maintain industry, morality, and religion among the inhabitants. Whatever tends to the accomplishment of this desirable object adds to the happiness of the people; and this is the best way of uniting the government and the people in ties of mutual interest and affection.

It is to be hoped that at the conclusion of the war the grants of land by His Majesty's Government to discharged soldiers will supply this country with many good settlers. At the same time, it is to be observed, that persons of this description do not, in general, make good farmers. To make these grants profitable to the grantees, and to the Government, it might perhaps be advisable to hold out encouragement to officers of regiments, of a suitable character, to take a lead in selecting men, and going forward with them to settle a portion of a Township, to be granted to them on certain conditions of settling it, carrying on improvements, and so forth. To induce the soldiers to settle on their lands, giving them the most necessary implements of husbandry, and allowing them rations for the first, second, and third years, would probably have a very good effect. The rations might be reduced one-third the second year, and two-thirds the next year*. The ap-

* Since writing the above, the Author has had the satisfaction of reading a general order, notifying to the troops the Prince Regent's benevolent intention to grant them land, and to give them assistance of the description here mentioned.