

trouble was taken in the selection of the Land?—
 I say, impossible, the very names of two of them
 are a sufficient denial to the supposition, and would
 afford an ample guarantee, were all other proof
 wanting. But these Personages may have been
 imposed upon?—Still impossible—a more upright
 and honorable Man, than the Surveyor General,
 does not exist. If, therefore, I am right in the
 denial of both suppositions, you must allow with
 me, that future Settlements will stand no better
 chance of success in this Country; unless indeed,
 the liberality of Government in their formation,
 extends to what might be considered to border on
 profusion. It matters little whether these Commu-
 nities are formed of Soldiers or Mechanics, human
 nature will be found alike, and the pernicious ha-
 bits of our old Inhabitants in the immoderate use
 of Spirits, will be much sooner acquired, than their
 dexterity in handling the Axe.

I think I have said enough, at least, to prove
 that this is not a Country calculated for Emigration
 on an extensive scale.—There may be, and doubt-
 less are, spots of Crown Lands, which I have over-
 looked, where a few Settlers, with common advan-
 tages, would be likely to prosper. If so, there is
 at present a body of Men at Halifax,† Men of ho-
 nesty, ability and intelligence, from every County
 and Township in the Province, well qualified from
 their local knowledge, to afford you ample infor-
 mation

† When this Letter was sent to the press, the House of
 Assembly was sitting.—Editor.