

throughout the Province. In order of importance these are, Kingston say 1,500* ; Niagara 500* ; York 150* ; Amherstburgh 100* ; Drummond's Island 50* (near Michilimackinac) ; Fort Wellington 20* ; Fort Erie, Chippawa, and Queens- ton: Mouth of the Grand River and naval establish- ments, Penetanguishene: several block houses have been abandoned entirely.

From the statistical tables of the Western, Lon- don, Gore, and Niagara Districts, it appears that 42 townships contain 24,734 people; and suppos- ing these townships to average 100 miles square, there are not 6 people to a square mile; while these townships are better settled than many inter- mixed with them.

Supposing that there were in Upper Canada, in 1817, 100,000 inhabitants, including emigrants and discharged soldiers; and supposing 160 town- ships then surveyed contained 100 square miles each, there would not be quite seven persons to the square mile; a miserably thin population. Eng- land, with all its wastes, averages 200 souls to the square mile, and some of the thickly peopled counties upwards of double that. Canada, under good cultivation, could, I am convinced, maintain a third part more people over the same extent than England; and at such a rate, that part of it laying between Lakes Ontario and Erie, northward, so

* These numbers are given chiefly to denote the proportional importance of the respective stations, and with no pretension to accuracy as to the number of the military and naval people.