

1801, are not attended to or improved by the inhabitants. Its conditions and promises are liberal ; and when peace is restored, it is to be hoped that the people will take measures for profiting by them*.

Another want in these Townships, and that of a most serious nature, is their destitute state with regard to the supply of ministers of the Gospel. This defect, as well as the other disadvantages they labour under, which have been specified, are circumstances, which, in general, cannot be prevented in the first settlement of a country ; but they ought to be remedied as soon as possible. The British Government in church and state should take measures for providing for this branch of improvement without delay, as they value the prosperity of this part of His Majesty's dominions. The deficient and dangerous state in which the people are situated with regard to knowing and fulfilling their duties, the worship of God, the allegiance due to their country, and all the charities of social life, while they are left without the aid of any regular ministry of the Gospel, needs not to be represented. Were they long to continue in this state, they would degenerate into barbarism. But this change is not to be feared. It is not consistent with the uniform

* In Scotland, and in some parts of the United States, the people are obliged to support schools and school-masters. Except in a very newly settled country, this system ought to be generally adopted.