

families and their baggage, to that settlement, where they found that all the best situations were taken up. They would willingly have returned, but had incurred so much expense, as well as loss of time, that they were under the necessity of remaining upon inferior land, with diminished resources.

Those who receive gratuitous grants of land are often subjected to delays, which more than counterbalance all the advantages. The loyalists, who were brought at the end of the American war to Nova Scotia, had to wait above a year, some of them nearly two, before the surveyors had completed their work, and their allotments were pointed out to them. In Upper Canada, I met with some emigrants, who had left Scotland about two years before. On their arrival in that province, they had received a promise of grants of Crown lands, for which (though every disposition to accommodate them had been shown by the officers of Government) they had till then been waiting, and not till then had they received possession. In the interval,