

Q. 19. Do the new comers from Europe thrive ?

A. They do, those that take up new lands ; they are generally persons who have hired themselves out for some time to the farmers from the United States, and acquired the necessary knowledge for clearing and managing lands in the country.



Friday, 20th Feby. 1829.

PRESENT :—Messrs. *Neilson, Bourdages, Cuvillier, Laterrière*
and *Borgia.*

Mr. Bourdages in the Chair.

YOUR Committee having carefully gone through the Bill referred by Your Honorable House, they find that the new Counties set off from those established in one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, which embraced the whole extent of the Province, correspond as nearly as the present circumstances of the settlement of the country will admit, with the extent of Territory which it is convenient to include in one county with a view to facilitating all the qualified Electors therein giving their votes at the Elections ; and that the number of Members allowed to each of the Counties, both those which remain unaltered in their limits and the new Counties, is, as as nearly as can be collected, conformably to the probable number of qualified Electors in each, according to the Census of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the distance of the District of Gaspé from the Seat of Government, and the difficulties of communication between the two Counties into which it is proposed to be divided in the Bill, together with the peculiar character of its interests, would authorize the allowing at present, one Member for the proposed County of Bonaventure, although the number of Electors does not as yet, by the Census, entitle them to a Member separate from the County of Gaspé.

Your Committee considering that the great bulk of the Inhabitants of the Townships in the Province situated in the south-west portion of the country (although as being included in the existing Counties in that quarter they have had a right to vote at the Elections of the Members now serving for those counties in the House,) have in a great measure been prevented from so voting on account of their distant position, and that the House has been consequently deprived of the proper constitutional