

of principles the most opposite to the Loyalists (many of them worthless characters, the mere refuse of the States), have since found their way into these provinces. Unless effectual means are adopted to check this influx, there is every probability that it will continue ; for, in consequence of some capital errors in the original regulations laid down for the disposal of waste lands, and from the state of landed property, which has been the result, there is a continual encouragement to settlers of the same description. In some parts, where, from local circumstances, it is peculiarly desirable to have a well disposed population, these intruders are fast approaching to an absolute majority of numbers : there is, besides, but too much probability of their principles infecting the mass of the people throughout the provinces.

Under these circumstances, it is evident what important services may be derived from such a body of settlers as the Highland emigrants would form. It is not merely from their old established principles of loyalty,