

they must be considered of serious consequence ; and, accordingly, measures ought immediately to be taken to remove or reduce them.

It now remains to consider of this part of the subject, and to point out and illustrate some plan, through the adoption and prosecution of which, a more extensive settlement of the uncultivated land of the country may be facilitated and encouraged.

There is none which appears better calculated for effecting that desirable purpose, than the formation and establishment, under some such regulations as will presently be specified, of a Board, or Society, in each county and district, to be composed of a certain number of the most judicious and intelligent persons, chosen out of the Agricultural Society therein established. Of this, it might, indeed, very properly and consistently be made a branch or committee.

The first power with which such Boards might with propriety be invested, and which they could in the very first instance pursue with the greatest advantage, would be,—to employ persons, properly qualified, to make regular surveys of all the ungranted land fit for cultivation within their several districts,—and to lay off the same in lots of moderate extent. Accurate plans, and returns of these, should be furnished to such Boards, and also be left in the office of the Surveyor General of lands, and in that of the Secretary of the Province. Such Boards, should meet at stated periods during the year, and also on any urgent or extraordinary occasion ;—such, as the arrival within their districts of any number of emigrants. It would also be well to require, that, unless, under very special circumstances, all applications for land should be made to them, and their recommendation obtained, before issuing grants of the same,