

from the paramount rights of landed property during the period of their lease, but under such regulations as may protect the Indian natives from oppression, and preclude them from the use of spirituous liquors which has proved the greatest bane to their improvement.

The rents of the districts within Lower and Upper Canada ought to be added to the rest of the revenue of these two provinces. The revenue derived from the remote districts of Athabasca, and other parts which have no immediate or natural connection with Canada, may form a separate fund, applicable to the protection and improvement of these respective districts. Two-thirds of the rent might perhaps be appropriated to defray the expense of a small corps of fencibles, or militia, to be raised for the special purpose of maintaining the police of these remote possessions, supporting the rights of the lessees, and defending the country from any marauding attack to which it may be exposed. The remainder of the fund might be applied to defray the expense of missionaries, to be stationed among the Indians, not only for their religious and moral improvement, but to combine this object with their instruction in agriculture and the domestic arts, and to watch