Additional Notes on New Glarus

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The colony of New Glarus was founded by an association of several political communities of the canton of Glarus, in Switzerland, who organized themselves into a society under the sanction of the government of the canton, in the year 1844; and had the following aims or purposes in view for the benefit of the overcrowded population of that small and mountainous canton, which are copied from the records:

- 1. The emigration shall be executed in common, and directed to one of the States in the northwestern portion of the United States. The idea is to found a community similar to that of the canton of Glarus. The States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri shall be first explored in seeking for a suitable locality for the colony.
- 2. In the course of 1844, two agents shall be sent to visit those States for the purpose of selecting a tract of land large enough for the experiment, and to arrange the necessary steps to execute the plan in view. These agents shall have the necessary instructions for their work, and be fully empowered to carry the design into execution.
- 3. Every family willing to emigrate shall receive twenty acres of land; the money to pay for the land shall be advanced by the Association. All the expenses of the voyage or emigration must be provided for by the emigrants themselves.
 - 4. The expenses of the agents the Association agrees to pay.
- 5. The several communities are invited to ratify these resolutions, and thereby become members in fact of the Association.

These resolutions were ratified by the several communities, and by the government of the canton, who also donated a large part