Purchase of Count SurviMers.

Vincence, October 8th, 1805, a tract of 4,840 acres near Millen's Bay, being 11 lots which were conveyed January 28th, 1825, to Peter Francis Real, known as Count Real, chief of police under Napoleon; to Emanuel Count De Grouchy, to General Desfurneaux and to others, considerable tracts. Several citizens of New York became afterwards concerned in these tracts, on their own account, or as agents, and extensive conveyances were made; but as many of these were trusts not expressed, and referred to considerations not explained in the instruments of conveyance, or on recoul, an intelligent history of them can not be at this time obtained, with sufficient conciseness for publication, should they be deemed of sufficient general interest.

Among the lands conveyed were the following:

To William and Gerardus Post, June 3d, 1825, for $17,000, 11,880 acres (with 3503 acres excepted) in the present towns of Wilna and Diana;* 6,500 acres were conveyed by one, and the ex's of the other of these, to T. S. Hammond of Carthage, Oct 2, 1837, by two deeds for $18,000.† To Herman Le Roy, and Win. Bayard, for $50,000, February 9, 1820, the interest of J. Le Ray, in numerous contracts to settlers on Great Tract No. IV.J

To Francis Depau for $23,280, and, $15,000 by two conveyances, a large tract in Alexandria, adjoining St. Lawrence County,§ now held by L. J. Goodale of Watertown.

To Cornelia Juhel, October 9th, 1821, numerous lots,¶ and to many others, which without a map would be unintelligible.

In 1818, Joseph Bonaparte, who in the United States assumed the title of Count de Survilliers, was induced to enter into a bargain with Le Ray, by which he agreed to receive in trust, with a warranty, the conveyance of 150,000 acres of land, including 74,624 acres of the Antwerp Company lands, to be taken in the most remote and unsettled portions, and at the same time Mr. Le Ray received certain diamonds and real estate, the whole rated at $120,000, and to be refunded in 1830, unless he should agree to accept before that time, the title of a part of these lands. A trust deed, with covenant and warranty, was accordingly passed, December 21, 1818, to Peter S. Duponceau,|| the confidential agent of the count, for 150,260 acres with the exception of such tracts not exceeding 32,260 acres as might have been conveyed or contracted to actual settlers. This deed included the greater part of Diana, two tiers of lots from the S. E. side of Antwerp, the whole of Wilna and Philadelphia, a small piece south of Black River, where it makes a node across the