

*To His Excellency Lieut. General*

**SIR JAMES KEMPT, K. G. C. B.**

*Governor-General of British North America, &c. &c.*



SIR,—In availing myself of the permission you have been pleased to grant me, to dedicate this work to your Excellency, I fear I shall incur your displeasure, if I accompany it with any remarks ; but as your administration of the Government of Nova-Scotia is now terminated, it becomes the right, as well as the business, of the Historian, to express his opinion upon it. In entering upon the duties of your office, you laboured under the disadvantage of not having been previously conversant with Colonial affairs, and if you escaped the difficulties incidental to such a situation, it must be attributed to the diligence with which those duties were undertaken, and the rectitude and intelligence with which they were discharged. You have had the singular good fortune of never having had, during the eight years you presided over the Country, the slightest misunderstanding with either of the other branches of the Legislature, but on the contrary, have always expe-