

Nova Scotia, and to the Honorable his Majesty's Council of the said Province.

The Memorial of the Grand Jury for the County of Halifax, in the Province aforesaid, humbly sheweth :

That whereas a memorial has lately been delivered to the lieutenant governor by a number of the principal merchants and freeholders of Halifax addressed to his honour the lieutenant governor, and the honourable council, humbly desiring, for the reason therein mentioned, that this town may be put into some state of defence, for the preservation of the place, and of themselves, their families, and effects ; and having as yet received no answer, they are altogether uncertain whether their request will be complied with, or not.

And as we Robert Sanderson, Joseph Rundle, John Anderson, Paul Prichard, Hugh McCoy, Joseph Fairbanks, William Schwartz, Robert Campbell, William Pantree, John Killick, John Brooks, Henry Wilkinson, Walter Manning, John Slaytor, Richard Catherwood, Joseph Peirse, Alexander Cunningham, Richard Tritton, Jonathan Gifford, and Benjamin Leigh, the Grand Jury for the county of Halifax, are (under the present circumstances of the colony) the only representative body of the people. We in behalf of all the inhabitants of this town, do unanimously and most earnestly entreat your excellency, and the honorable council, that they may no longer remain in a state of uncertainty, but may be acquainted as soon as can be, what they have to trust to ; and that if any thing is to be undertaken for their security, they may be prepared to lend their utmost assistance towards carrying it on, by contributing either their labour, their attendance as overseers, or their money, as it shall best suit their circumstances ; which we know all the inhabitants of this town in general are ready most cheerfully to do.

But if, unhappily for them, their prayers cannot be heard, we humbly beg, in their behalf, that they may immediately know it, in order to take the first opportunity to convey