

And we further observe that your Excellency, the Council and Magistrates of Halifax, have paid peculiar Attention to the Schools; by the strictest Inquiries into the Morals and Abilities of the Schoolmasters; and by Visiting the Schools twice during the course of last Year, for the Examination of the Children, and Encouragement, both of the Masters and Scholars.

His Majesty's Council therefore, beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency with what has hitherto been done, and proposed in this Province, towards the Instruction of Youth in useful Learning, and the Principles of the Christian Religion. And that His Majesty's Recommendation of this important Concern, will stimulate us to every Exertion for the Accomplishment of so desirable and valuable a Purpose, as that of the well Educating the Youth of this Province.

In Council 26th November, 1787.

Ordered the foregoing to be laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

(Signed.) RICHARD BULKELEY.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

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*MESSAGE to the House of Assembly, 6th Dec. 1787.*

“ His Majesty's Council concur with the House of Assembly in their Vote of the 22d of November last, to appropriate the Sum of £400. for the Purpose of commencing an Academy, or Seminary of Learning, in such Place as shall appear to Government, to be most suitable for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants throughout the Province.

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It may not be improper to close this *Appendix* with observing—that it was most prudent, for several cogent reasons, to fix this Academy in the country—That in most nations where literature is, or has been, cultivated, its support and progress have been owing to the exertions of a few public-spirited Persons—men of enlightened and generous minds, who, knowing the value and advantages of science, were desirous of communicating those advantages to others, and whose memory is deservedly held in the highest estimation. This observation will probably hold true of Nova-Scotia—May the future superstructure on this foundation, though small, increase and prosper, till the beams of useful knowledge shall irradiate every corner of the Province—and may honour and respect await all who, in any degree, contribute to the success of so laudable and beneficent a measure!

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P. 18, l. 1, for promote, r. promote.

P. 23, l. 8, for virtue, r. virtue.

P. 20, l. 15, for examples, r. example.

P. 28, l. 11, for his worship, r. his private worship.