

To this Memorial His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton was pleased to return an answer to the following effect :

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THAT his Excellency, within these few days, has had reason to believe that no *one person* will obtain a larger grant of lands in Nova Scotia than one thousand acres—That the power of issuing patents for lands there resides solely in the Governor, to whom his Excellency will immediately forward the Memorial, which he apprehends will arrive before patents can be made out for the tract of land mentioned in it—And that it was his opinion no persons should be allowed to take up lands in that province, but those who mean to reside there, till the Loyalists are first served ; and that his Excellency will do every thing in his power for the Memorialists, and believes they will have no cause to complain.

The Committee were also informed, from the most respectable authority, that the report of all the lands being occupied about Port Roseway was groundless ; Governor Parr, who was extremely solicitous to do justice to every individual, having made a reserve of a sufficient quantity of lands there, for the accommodation of those Loyalists who still proposed to embark for that place.

From this Answer of Sir Guy Carleton to their Memorial, the Loyalists had reason to hope that the cruel designs of the Fifty-five “ most respectable characters ” would give way to the interest of the whole body of their suffering brethren : but they soon found there was no favour to be expected from the generosity and justice of the Fifty-five, who pursued their object with an eagerness that few of them ever shewed in behalf of his Majesty’s government and service.

The following Journal of their Agents in Nova Scotia shews their activity and zeal in the important

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