

To L. J. PAPINEAU, Esq.

*Speaker of the House of Assembly of Lower-Canada.*

No. II.

SIR,

In my last letter I told you that I felt authorized to address you as a Nova Scotian, because the rights which you were endeavouring to wrest from the Crown in Canada are vested in His Majesty for the benefit of his subjects, and I dreaded the effects which an evil example in one Colony might produce in another.

But I feel more particularly authorized to address you in that character, because the system adopted in Nova-Scotia has been frequently alluded to by your party, and an attempt has been made to convince the Canadians that you are only contending for principles which are carried into practice in a sister Colony.

I would in the first place, remind you that no offer has been made to His Majesty's Government, by the Assembly here, to take upon themselves the burthen of the Civil List. Had such an offer ever been made, I will venture to predict that the pledge would have been redeemed with good faith.

My knowledge of the men whom the people of Nova Scotia have generally chosen for their Representatives, induces me to think, that if an unconditional offer to relieve the mother country from the burthen of supporting the Officers necessary for conducting the public business had been made from this Province, the Assembly, after such offer had been accepted, would not have refused to grant the necessary supplies, unless they were