

It is with sensible pleasure we see the glorious design of divine love carrying on, and the kingdom of God prevailing in the world.

We rejoice to hear of the order and unanimity among the people of Cumberland in NOVA-SCOTIA, in their pious and successful efforts for settling gospel ordinances there : And perceiving the grace that is in you reverend and dear Sir, whom we have seen regularly introduced into the gospel-ministry, and ordained to the office of *Elder, Pastor, or Bishop* in the church of Christ, and to whom the particular care of that people has been solemnly committed, we give unto you *the Right Hand of Fellowship*.

Hereby expressing the pleasure we feel in your accession to us, to take part of the ministry of the gospel with us ; and the sincere purposes of our hearts to encourage and assist you, as it shall be in our power, and you shall need, in the arduous work you have undertaken ; and also our confidence in you, that nothing will be wanting on your part to encourage the *Hearts* and strengthen the *Hands* of your brethren in promoting the kingdom of our common Lord.

With hearts full of esteem and benevolence, more especially as you exhibit resolution and firmness to labor in a part of Christ's vineyard so distant from the place of your nativity, and from intimate connections formed in early life, we wish you the presence of the great head of the church ; and pray that his grace may be *sufficient* for you—to strengthen the laudable purposes of your mind,—to support you under all the trials, and assist you in the faithful discharge of all the duties of your sacred office ; that you may so fulfil the ministry you have received in
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