

NOTE.

CERTAIN persons, strangers to Canada and its people, and very little conversant with its history, having, in the course of the controversy referred to in the first note, endeavored to throw doubt on the respectability, standing in society, and competency to write of the late James Thompson, senr., and having hinted more than doubts of the veracity of both himself and son, I have thought it well to annex a few documents bearing on the subject, written by contemporaries, some of whom still live. I shall, however, in the first place, premise some facts connected with his family and self:—Mr. Thompson's parents were in that position of life which enabled them to give all their children an excellent education for that day. His eldest brother, William, was Adjutant of the 1st or Royal Scots, from whence he exchanged to the 41st, and after active service abroad returned to England, and resided at Berwick-on-Tweed, in the enjoyment of retired full-pay, till his death. Mr. Jas. Thompson, junr., having given a statement in connection with his father, it is unnecessary to repeat it.

[No. 1.]

"This is to certify that the bearer hereof, Mr. James Thompson, having been employed as OVERSEER OF WORKS in the Engineer Department of this place since the year 1772, has been recommended to me, by the officers under whom he served, for his attention and fidelity, &c.; and having discharged his duty to my satisfaction, during my command, and being an *old and faithful servant of the Crown*, I have thought fit to continue him in his present employment, and do hereby recommend him to the favour and protection of all officers who may hereafter succeed to this command.

"Given under my hand, at Quebec, this 8th November, 1784.

"(Signed,)"

"FRED. HALDIMAND."

[No. 2.]

"By General His R. H. Edward, Duke of Ken', &c., &c.

[L.S.] "It having been judged expedient, for the better regulation of the works carried on in the Garrison of Quebec, in the contingent line, under the direction of the Chief Engineer, that an *Overseer* should be appointed to *superintend* the artificers and labourers employed in the Department of the officer above named, you are hereby empowered and directed to take upon yourself the several duties attached to such situation, and to hold yourself responsible for the attention, good guidance, and