

Extract of a letter from Chebucto harbour, Nova Scotia, August 17.



After the several vicissitudes of fortune, I am arrived at this new settlement, which far exceeds any idea I could possibly have of it. At our first landing in this harbour, which is the finest I ever saw in the world, we found the place on each side an entire wood, upon a gradual declivity to the shore, the trees large and standing close together, and light fern growing between, the passage not interrupted with thorns and briars, as the European woods are, and furnished with delicate springs of water. The air is very temperate, and I believe exceeding healthful. This is the hottest part of the summer; the mornings and evenings are delightfully pleasant, and the middle of the day not warmer than I have found it in England. Every body arrived at present have excellent appetites, from the good temperament of the air; which puts me in mind of Italy, and I think there is a good prospect of its being altogether as fertile, and in time as enchanting to its inhabitants. The soil is of the finest mould I ever saw, capable of producing any thing; and I fancy much less difficulty will be met with in clearing the woods than was expected; for about two miles from the water-side, at the summit of the hill, the trees are in general very small, and at a distance from each other; where there is fine shooting, viz. plenty of partridges, pigeons, hares, rabbits, and a sort of black game that we meet with in some parts of England. I have dined upon a porcupine, that is as delicious as a young fawn: whether I may venture to do so on a bear I know not: Some of the people have caught several young ones. The harbour abounds with fish of several sorts, lobsters and mackrel in great quantities, and other small fish in abundance. There are several fresh rivers well stored with fine salmon; which many have experienced, and brought great quantities down to our new town of Halifax: But the absolute necessity of every one's assisting in clearing the ground, does, for the present, divert them from the employments of fishing and shooting, and obliges us to be satisfied with what a few Indians supply us with, who come fre-

quently to us in their canoes, at reasonable rates.

There is an island situated at the entrance of the harbour, where a fortification, I apprehend, will be built, and will not be unlike the wooden fort at the entrance of the *Tagus*. We have had various rumours about the number of the Indians, and their molesting the settlement; but I give no credit to it, for I am satisfied we have sufficient force to protect us. The governor has got the hearts of the people, by amiable deportment, and has taken care of their healths, and subsistence as far as possible, and to render an uninhabited place as convenient to them as is in his power: However, many difficulties must be encountered with in the infancy of such an undertaking. We lie in tents, and the great fogs, frequent in this place, render it sometimes uncomfortable; but I do not find it prejudicial to our healths. The rain falls here pretty heavy; but tho' we are wet thro' our little fortifications, yet it is not attended with any cold shivering or disorders whatsoever. The winter is what we have to fear: D from good intelligence it is very severe, and of long continuance, and we are making preparations for our security against that inclement season.

The township is laid out, and an allotment of ground is given to every family; the single people mix together as they approve themselves. We hope we shall be able to preserve ourselves from the severity of the weather, by little boarded huts; but it is fear'd much hardship must be endured, the summer being too far advanced to do great things this year. The little knowledge I have obtained, in the short time we have been here, of the usefulness of the place to England, satisfies me, that those gentlemen who first proposed this colony, and have so zealously served their country thereby, will reap immortal honour for having so singularly distinguished themselves, and in time will be the authors of the happiness of others, who might have lived useless and died miserable at home. Many things to forward the success of this undertaking must be done by parliament; but every body is so well satisfied with the gentleman that governs them, that they have no doubt but proper remonstrances will come from him, who shews the greatest tenderness for their welfare: And the

usefulness of the settlement, will entitle us to the protection of the government, who have begun so glorious a work, for which posterity must be ever thankful, and will be one amongst the many instances of his majesty's affection for his subjects. (See p. 112, 408, 440.)

On the 20th ult. a petition, signed by principal inhabitants of *St Clement Dunes*, in behalf of the two condemned debtors, was presented to the D. of Newcastle, who, the next day, presented it to his majesty. (See p. 465.)

SATURDAY, Oct. 3.

At *Rbewabbon* in *Denbighshire*, was interr'd in the night, in a private manner, the body of Sir *W. W. Wynne*, Bart. The hero was attended by his domestick and menial servants, amounting to a very great number. At the gate of *Wynnslay* the corpse was solemnly received by multitudes of people, whose outward gestures of affliction pathetically represented the inward sentiments of their hearts: Few men have ever deserv'd so general a lamentation! In his publick character, he was resolute and unmoveable; in his private character, he was generous, and of exceeding goodness: He lov'd his country with a sincerity which seem'd to distinguish him from all mankind: His morals were untainted: He had utter detestation of vice: His manners, and his countenance, were open and undisguis'd: He was affable by nature; he knew how to condescend, without meanness: He was munificent, without ostentation: His behaviour was so amiable, as never to create a personal enemy; he was even honour'd, where he was not belov'd: In domestick life, he was the kindest relation, and truest friend; his house was a noble scene of regular, yet almost unbounded, hospitality: His piety towards his creator, was remarkable in his constant attendance on the service of the church; he revered religion, he respected the clergy, he feared God: The whole tenor of his conduct was one continued series of virtue: So prepar'd, he had little reason to be afraid of sudden death; every day of his life was a preparation for heaven; and the loss of him will be a lasting calamity to his country. *Chester Journ.*

THURSDAY 5.

A proclamation was issued, for summoning the parliament, which stood prorogued to *Nov. 16*, to assemble on the 16th for the dispatch of business.

An order was made for all causes, relating to prizes taken during the late war, to be forthwith adjusted, and accounts thereof laid before the Privy Council.

FRIDAY 6.

An eminent factor, in the woollen manufacture, was taken into custody of a messenger, for being a principal in the clandestine sending of artificers, and

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utensils, for the said manufacture, into Spain, (See p. 426.)

TUESDAY 10.

Were presented to the Privy Council, some petitions from consuls, residing abroad, who have no other allowance than tonnage from ships entering the ports where they reside, declaring that the money arising thereby, fell very short of their expences, for defending the property and privileges of the British subjects, and praying relief.