

brogue, the wooden cross pendant next their dear hearts, and then they are sure to be paid by his Clerk in rum, sugar and brandy, or in God bless your honour, what you please, to the emolument of his office.

As to the language of the country my Lord I've little to say, the common dialect spoke at *Halifax* is wild Irish.

The english of all denominations except those above excepted, and one or two more, are starving, houses are sold at about twenty pounds by the Dozen, for this general decay of that settlement various reasons are given, some say its owing to the military form of government they are under, but to say this in *Nova-Scotia* is treason.

For a fuller description my Lord, I refer you to Mr. *W.M.* who has a long time resided in the Country, and has promised me by letter fully to inform your Lordship of all circumstances, & from my conversation with him, since my arrival in *London*, I am not surpriz'd at the groans and despair of the english inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia*, nor will your Lordship when you see his account of their circumstances. I am,

My LORD,

Your Lordships most obedient
and humble Servant,

J. B.