

the noblest of all inheritances, our ancestors left to their posterity, and we are at this day called to arms in its defence; with what heartfelt satisfaction then must every man, who has the honor to feel a drop of English blood in his veins, behold the British nation united in arms, and determined with their lives and properties to defend their Religion and Laws, their King and their Country, against a vindictive enemy, who conquers but to destroy. It is the peculiar duty of the people in this Province, with humble gratitude to return thanks to the Almighty, for having preserved to our nation a just sense of religion, virtue, and honour, without which, all the societies on earth must perish.

WE have the most powerful motives to cultivate the virtues, manners, and habits of our ancestors, and to cling close to the venerable stock from which we derive our origin. The Province of Nova-Scotia, with it's Islands, form the most prominent feature on the Coast of North America. The vast extent of it's sea coast, numerous harbours, and extensive fisheries, with it's almost insular situation, give it a strong resemblance to the mother country, and afford reasonable expectation, that, like it, it will, in time, become powerful in maritime force. The surrounding seas make its defence from foreign attack easy, and, at the same time, check that disposition to wander in search of new settlements, which is so prevalent in the rest of America. This advantage, coupled with the fisheries, will, in time, cause the population of the Province far to exceed any other country in America of the same extent. If to these advantages are added the healthiness of the climate, the fertility of the soil, the facility of exterior and interior water carriage, and the numerous coal mines, and mines of all other useful metals, the resemblance of the Province to the Parent State will appear so strong, that it is impossible to avoid feeling an anxious desire to see its people diligently cultivate those laws, manners, habits and customs, of the Mother Country, which are the sources of her prosperity, and the cause why Great-Britain stands, at this day, unrivalled in arts and in arms, securely enjoying a free and honest Government, to which the wealth of the world flies for refuge. It cannot be too strongly inculcated as an incumbent duty on the inhabitants of this country, to copy after a people who, at this day, exhibit to the world a national character that will be venerated while virtue and honor exist in the human breast. It is our duty to cultivate an attachment to the Parent State, and to manifest, on all occasions, our gratitude for the powerful protection that enables us to live with freedom and ease, at a time abounding with more universal national calamity than ever existed at any other period of the human history. If we train up our children to imitate the high and honorable spirit which makes Great-Britain the refuge and defender of the religion, honor and virtue, of all Europe; if we impress on the minds of our youth, that they derive their origin from this great people, and that their native land makes a part of the extensive dominions of Great-Britain, we shall thereby prove ourselves faithful subjects to the good King, under whose parental care the settlement of this Province has been effected, and in whose reign fertile fields have succeeded a savage and dreary wilderness, and numberless vessels which cover our shores, and rivers, have replaced the Indian's canoe. To those advantages we have to add the blessings of a mild and moderate Government, supported at the expence of the Mother Country, and established by the great wisdom and benevolence of His Majesty, who ever attentive to the happiness of his people in this Province, has liberally endowed and established a University, to extend the arts and sciences to his infant colony, in which he has supported a numerous body of Clergy, thereby laying a foundation for the temporal and eternal happiness of his people. The care with which His Majesty has selected men of tried abilities, and approved virtue and integrity, to preside in his Courts of Justice in this Province, would alone afford to us the strongest proof of his paternal care. His Majesty has always allotted for the protection of the Province, a sufficient portion of his powerful fleets and armies, which has enabled us to cultivate the arts of peace during wars that have desolated the four quarters of the world, and overturned powerful Empires, Kingdoms and States. If I were to proceed re-capitulating the numberless instances of his Majesty's care and attention, I should far exceed the bounds of a preface; and as I have already enumerated, I hope,