

the value and power of your House of Assembly consist? without them your elections are a mockery, your chosen House a deception and a shadow, your claim to "Britons" is gone, and you may write yourselves slaves as soon as you wish.—Britons are distinguished from enslaved nations, by their representative government—by it they give or withhold their own property like freemen—and have a respected voice in the legislature of the land. If this is a necessary right in Britain, where an august family is securely and permanently seated on the throne, and where a House of Lords possesses the halo of immense wealth and of hereditary fame and honour—how much more necessary is it here, where a Military Officer, liable to momentary change represents our King, where a party of placemen represent the House of Lords—and where in consequence, much of the stability of our government depends on that portion which is chosen by the people, and which being part and parcel of the people, have the knowledge and the sympathy so valuable in governments.

In choosing your representatives, let the protection of these rights be your chief test and pledge—for on them your political liberty rests—and surely Nova Scotians, any more than Britons, will never be slaves of their own accord. Look then to your guardians—if a candidate says, "I have attended to your best interests, but I have acquiesced in the sacrifice of your rights, and would barter the independence of your House for pecuniary considerations!" Answer such an one with the scorn which you would feel towards him who would offer you a price for the honour of your wives—or would attempt to barter for your immortal souls. The blood and treasure of your noble ancestors purchased those rights, and earth is too poor to pay for their loss. The man who would not willingly lay down blood and treasure in defence of the sacred rights which distinguish Britons from slaves, is unworthy of them, and is a fit person to support and to vote for the betrayers of trust, and the sentinels who turn their weapons on their most sacred charge. If those who have through loss and trouble advocated and most devotedly stood and fallen by your rights, if they have not greatly sinned in other matters, or if sinning, they are open to repentance and reformation, they, most