

was laid before the Board in London, dated Halifax, January 14, in which he observes "That most of the new townships in the Province are without ministers of any persuasion, and therefore recommends that a missionary may be appointed at Horton, to officiate in rotation there, and in the three townships of Falmouth, Newport and Cornwallis. The Society, therefore, in compliance with the Governor's earnest request, have agreed that Mr. Vincent be missionary and schoolmaster at Lunenburg, in the room of Mr. Bennet, and that Mr. Bennet be appointed missionary to Horton, Falmouth, Newport, and Cornwallis, in Nova-Scotia, each with a salary of £70 sterling."

At this time, so immediately following the first grant, the population was very small, as is shewn by the statement of Mr. Bennet, in a letter of January 4th, 1763, "that in Newport there were 251 persons, of whom 111 were children." Scattered as were the members of his flock, and limited in number, the missionary was not disheartened, but cheerfully writes, in July of the same year, "that his success in his mission has far exceeded his expectations." Indeed, he seems to have been so much encouraged that he proposed at this time to establish a schoolmaster for Falmouth and Newport combined, and eventually carried into effect his purpose.