

be convinced of the Ill-treatment and unjust oppressions this Tyrant has been Guilty of ever to Countenance or Support him.

These are all the Friends he has at home, for on this Side the Water he has none either of the Inhabitants or Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Army — who hold him in the utmost Contempt except those formerly mentioned to you his Agents in oppression — perhaps you will be more Surpriz'd to hear how this Gentleman who sometime ago was only a Painters Apprentice in London should have advanced himself to such heights — We are oblig'd to confess that he has a good address, a great deal of low cunning, is a most consummate flatterer, has Words full of the Warmest Expressions of an Upright Intention to perform much Good tho' never Intended and with much art most Solicitously Courts all Strangers whom he thinks can be of any Service to him, by these and such Arts has he risen to be what he is and Elated with his success is outrageously bent upon the destruction of every One that does not concur in his measures.

And we beg leave to make this Remark which we desire you will read at the end of Twelve Months that if he be not removed *Nova Scotia will be lost to the Crown of Great Britain and the rest of the Colonies be Endanger'd of sharing the same Fate* which ought to be the utmost concern of every Englishman to prevent.

And that you may in some measure understand the Import of this, he has prevail'd with my Lord Loudon to represent home, the necessity of put<sup>t</sup> this Colony under a Military Government, and of suspend<sup>t</sup> the Charters and Laws of the other Colonies, the consequence of which we apprehend, will be a Struggle in the Colonies for Liberty, and a consequence too fatal to name; and while the Contentions subsist there, the French will penetrate into this Province: indeed they have no feasible Conquest left them but this Colony at present & if this Colony be lost and the others loose their Liberties it is difficult to say what the Effect will be, but the worst is to be fear'd.

We could say many things concerning the affairs in this Part of the World, which nearly concern us, but we are confident you'll hear them from better hands, for they must needs be public.

We cannot but express our most sincere acknowledgements of Gratitude and Thanks to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Pitt, that great Patron of Liberty, for the Great Condescension he has shown, in taking notice of our affairs; and so far as is reasonable and just, we doubt not of his Concomronce and assistance to procure us Redress.

In answer to your remarks that the Quorum of Sixteen is too large for the proposed number of 22 for the whole Assembly it is so in our opinion, but it was the Resolve of Council.

Our Desire of having all Placemen exclud'd the Assembly was from Circumstances of the Colony under the present Governor. The Voters are almost all dependent, the Officers are wholly so, it would therefore be the Governors Assembly & not the Peoples, and Laws made according to his Pleasure and no grievance will be redress'd — but if a Gov<sup>r</sup> be appointed who has the Interest of the Colony at Heart, and the welfare of the People, this would be an immaterial Point.

The reason why triennial Assemblies was proposed was intended only for the first Assembly in Order to settle the Colony under an English Assembly. Otherwise Foreigners being th<sup>e</sup> most numerous and the Time near approaching when they will be Naturaliz'd by a 7 years Residence the future Assemblies may be mostly foreigners, which will be Dangerous to this frontier Settlement.

As to the Article of Judges a Good Gov<sup>r</sup> will avail more for the Advancement of Justice, and then a Good Judge will be under no concern least he be displaced.

Another of the Governors Acts is to misrepresent & abuse all below him he has publicly call'd his Council a Pack of Scoundrills, the Merchants a Parcel of Villians and Bankrupts, and has represented at home the whole as a People discontented and Rebellious We have authority of his saying & declaring this from his own mouth before many Officers both of the Army and Navy — Is it possible S<sup>r</sup> that People can be easy under such a Gov<sup>r</sup> We dare appeal to our two former Governors for our behaviour under their Administrations and whose conduct to us was the very reverse of this Gentlemans.