

APPENDIX B.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF HALIFAX ON THE IRISH IN BRITISH
AND IN REPUBLICAN AMERICA.

The following letter was lately addressed by the Archbishop of Halifax to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick :—

Halifax, 18th December, 1865.

SIR,—Allow me on the part of Her Majesty's loyal Roman Catholic subjects in these Lower Provinces, emphatically to thank Your Excellency for your recent speech, and the fearless and out-spoken manner in which you have so effectively expressed the *bare* truth on our behalf.

From all the sources of information at my command, I am convinced, if the crisis come, that the whole Roman Catholic population in this country will yield to no other class in unwavering loyalty and the unflinching performance of duty in the day of trial. Apart from the allegiance which, as Churchmen, we owe to the constituted authorities, we have here everything to lose and nothing whatever to gain by a change, be it ever so luring in the distance. What can any Government give that we have not