

in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Nova-Scotia, Lower Canada, Upper Canada, and New-Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape-Breton, and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

HIS Majesty's Council, and the House of Representatives of Nova-Scotia, now convened in General Assembly, for the first time since your Excellency's departure from us, most cordially unite in offering to you their sincere congratulations upon your promotion to the Chief Command in His Majesty's North-American Dominions.

Although your advancement to this exalted station, deprived us of that personal communication with your Excellency, as the Head of the Legislature, from which we derived so much pleasure, and the Province so much advantage, yet we cannot refrain from rejoicing at an event which displays so conspicuously how highly your Sovereign appreciates your merits.

We can assure your Excellency that the sentiments of respect, gratitude and affection, which were so generally felt and expressed for you, while you resided among us, are not in the smallest degree diminished, and that your Name is never mentioned in Nova-Scotia, without exciting emotions with which Your Excellency would not be displeas'd.

The many benefits which you bestowed upon this favored Colony, while you presided over it, and the kind regard which you expressed for its Inhabitants when you were about to leave them, convince us that you will always feel an interest in our welfare, and we therefore think it will afford you satisfaction to know, that we have still reason to be grateful to His Majesty's Government for its paternal care of us. That the harmony which subsisted among the different Branches of the Legislature under Your Excellency's mild and equitable Administration, yet prevails, and that Nova-Scotia has a prospect of enjoying much happiness under its present distinguished Ruler.

That the zeal, the integrity, and the talents, which Your Excellency has ever displayed for the public good, may always be duly valued by the People, now under your more immediate Government, and rewarded by your Country, and your King, is the ardent wish of the People of Nova-Scotia. To these wishes we know you will permit us to add our own individual hopes, that in another state, you may enjoy those lasting rewards which are the fruits of a virtuous life in this. On