

THE

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES.

A PUBLIC Meeting of the inhabitants of Southampton was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, January 14, 1851, convened by the Mayor, RICHARD ANDREWS, Esq., in pursuance of the following requisition, which had received the signatures of the most influential tradesmen and merchants of the town:—

“We, the undersigned inhabitants of the borough of Southampton, are deeply impressed with the importance of promoting an enlarged system of emigration, and that emigration should be directed to British Colonies, thereby extending the trade and commerce of the mother country, and fostering a British spirit and the progress of civilisation in vast tracts of territory, possessing great natural advantages comparatively unknown to this country.

“We are impressed also with the knowledge that this port possesses very peculiar advantages as a favourable point for national emigration, and that these advantages should be brought more prominently before our own country, and the various colonies and nations of the world.

“We have observed with pleasure the account of the interesting interview you have had with the Hon. Mr. Howe, and trust that you may be able to induce his presence at Southampton, in order to a notice of its peculiar advantages as a port, and to enable the inhabitants of this town and county to hear from his lips, at full, the great measures of public benefit designed by his Government (Nova Scotia) in reference to these and similar subjects.

“We, therefore, request the favour of your convening a meeting of the inhabitants of this borough, to take into consideration the important matters referred to, at an early day next week.”