

to Governor Parr, which shews the integrity and justice of a Mandamus Counsellor of Massachusetts-bay.

No. VII.

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New-York, October 23, 1783,

PERMIT me to congratulate your Excellency on your safe arrival in Nova Scotia—a circumstance highly pleasing to your friends, among whom I flatter myself I have the honour to be reckoned. It is in that province, among his Majesty's faithful subjects, I have to hope to pass the remainder of my days, in the enjoyment of loyalty, peace, and tranquillity.

The unhappy termination of the war has induced many of us to seek an asylum in the province of Nova Scotia, and the very liberal assistance given by their Excellencies the Commanders in Chief of his Majesty's Forces, and the countenance they have been pleased to afford on the occasion, has greatly contributed to people a country where we have every reason to hope loyalty and virtue will flourish, to the honour of the parent state, as well as the happiness of the settlers.

Encouraged by Sir Guy Carleton, myself and fifty-four other gentlemen addressed his Excellency, stating our situation, and the little prospect we had of returning to our former places of residence, and praying his recommendation to Governor Parr for a grant of a tract of land of five thousand acres to us respectively. His Excellency was pleased to recommend the granting our request, and we appointed the Rev. Mr. Sayre, Anthony Stewart, Philip John Livingston, and Nathaniel Chandler, Esqrs. our Agents to compleat the business in Nova-Scotia. Messrs. Sayre, Livingston, and Chandler, left this place in August last; but the settlement of his family prevented the former of these gentlemen from paying immediate attention to the subject. The other gentlemen however proceeded to explore the country, and obtained a warrant of survey for the quantity of lands pray'd for, to be laid out on the Bay of St. Mary and River Sissiboo; and, after having done this, resigned their agency to Messrs. Sayre and Stewart, before the lands were surveyed. On receiving their resignation we immediately met, and, considering the

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