

N^o 7. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to
Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, Nova Scotia,
27th August 1793.

I MOST respectfully beg Leave to present my grateful Acknowledgments for the Honour of your Letter, dated Whitehall, 6th July 1793. In Obedience thereto, I have notified to Major Bayard His Majesty's Pleasure, that Major Kearney should succeed to the Lieutenant Colonelcy of the Provincial Corps raising under my Command in this Province, vacant by the Resignation of Major Barclay; and that Major Bayard should succeed to the Majority in the said Corps, vacant by the Promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Kearney. Major Bayard most dutifully conforms to His Majesty's Pleasure; and it is a Justice due to him, that I entreat Permission to represent that, having hitherto acted as Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, with indefatigable Zeal, Attention, and Liberality, I have thereby been essentially aided in raising and disciplining them into a Corps that obtains the Approbation of all Military Men who see them. The other Arrangements of the Regiment shall be carefully adjusted by the Instructions you have been pleased to signify. As the Corps has been on Duty since May last, it has been indispensably necessary to furnish the Men some Cloathing, which (being Summer) is confined to a Cap, Jacket, Trowsers, and Shirt, Shoes, Buckles, and Stock. These will serve for nearly Five Months, and be much cheaper to Government than the full Cloathing, had they arrived in Time; the Accounts whereof, and the other Accounts of the Regiment, are completing to the 24th August, to be transmitted by the next Packet.

I have prevailed on Brigadier General Ogilvie to issue some Cannon, Small Arms, and Ammunition for the Defence of Shelburne, Liverpool, Lunenburg, and Windsor, and hope I shall be as successful in Behalf of Beaver Harbour, Country Harbour, and Manchester, where there are considerable Fisheries, and the Two last promising Settlements, more especially as they solicit but a moderate Supply.

The greater Part of the French Armament mentioned in my Dispatch (N^o 25) soon after that Date arrived at New York and Boston; and from continually repeated Informations from the United States were making Preparations for a Descent (as there believed) on this Harbour; and if successful, afterward upon Newfoundland. It therefore became necessary to repair the Defences; and that the Brigadier General might make the most useful Dispositions, I informed him of the Strength and local Situation of the whole Militia, and the Times in which they could be assembled. He has accordingly given Orders to the First and Second Battalions of Halifax, and the Artillery Company, and the Men are enrolled to their different Batteries and Posts; from the First Battalion he has been furnished with able Men in Companies; to the Number of 550 Men, under proper Officers, to repair and mount the Batteries, in which they have so vigorously exerted themselves, that all are finished for the present, and the Corps dismissed To-day.