

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM,

The above-named building stands upon a beautifully situated and judiciously selected spot of ground on the Eastern side of the harbor, very nearly facing the centre of the City. It is built of brick, and, we may infer from the very handsome exterior of the centre and one wing now completed, will, when finished, present a rather imposing exterior. The grounds attached to it are extensive. The opening of this establishment for the reception of patients will be truly a blessing to the Province at large. The number of Lunatics at present confined in the cells of the **POOR ASYLUM**, is yearly on the increase. It is understood that the treatment to which they are subjected is as humane as the circumstances will permit, but that is all.

PROVINCIAL PENITENTIARY.

This pile of rough ashlar, only remarkable for its ugliness, is situated on the borders of the Northwest Arm. The surrounding grounds are being fast brought into a state of high cultivation by means of convict labor, and will, in a few years be a source of considerable revenue for the support of the institution.

OPPOSITE to Halifax, on the Eastern shore of the harbor, is the town of **DARTMOUTH**,—if we mistake not, covering the spot first pitched upon by Colonel Cornwallis as a site for the Capital of the Province. It was “laid out” and first settled in the Spring of 1750. Six years afterwards, a body of Indians from the Basin of Minas surprised the infant settlement by night, and carried away captive the few inhabitants whose lives they had spared. From this date up to so late as 1784 the settlement was abandoned, or nearly so; but in that year a number of families were, at the invitation of the then Governor of the Province, induced to remove thither from Nantucket, their object being to carry on the whale-fishery in the South Seas. The plan of the town was then somewhat altered, and the inhabitants