

TO THE PUBLIC.

In putting forth the *NOVA-SCOTIA CALENDAR and Almanack* for 1822, it is a pleasing duty to express our gratitude to the public for the extensive circulation with which this annual work has always been favoured, through the influence of a kind partiality.—The Almanack which we published for 1821 commanded an unprecedented sale throughout the province; and it will easily be supposed that we are this year ambitious of the same distinction. We have selected and arranged with that view a great variety of matter, which will be found useful and amusing. There are included lists of the army and navy, of his majesty's Council and the house of Assembly, of the various courts of justice from the Judges to the commissioners for summary trials, of the justices of peace throughout the province, of the Central Board, and the subordinate societies for each county, of the different town-officers appointed for Halifax Proper, and of the various public institutions—to which are added recipes, anecdotes and other articles of interest.

A good Almanack is an instructive companion—whose presence cannot easily be dispensed with in any household; as it communicates information very frequently wanted and which can nowhere else be obtained. The sitting of courts, the names of public officers, the days of the month, the date on which some future day will fall, are particulars often of prime necessity, and for which more especially in the country, we must resort to the Almanack. "A friend in need," says the proverb, "is a friend indeed" and is a jewel above all price. This praise, we maintain, belongs in a peculiar degree to the Almanack—for what friend is so often needed or would stick to his accustomed station by the fireside with such unshaken fidelity. Whether capricious fortune smile or frown upon us—whether the cold rains and the chilling wind have spared our wheat, oats and potatoes, or have blasted the rising hopes of the farmer—whether the last trip to Pictou or Quoddy with plaister supplied us with flour and dollars, or only forced upon the unlucky adventurer a deeper conviction that he must betake himself to steady industry and to the plough—whether the accumulated interest upon some mortgage has been at length discharged, or we are threatened with all the legal horrors of a foreclosure—whether we are plunged in debt by our luxurious habits and hold the sheriff in deep reverence, or can walk the street with an erect air and a "receipt in full" in our possession—in short whether we fail or prosper—"that steadiest and most unmoved of friends"—Holland's Almanack—will hang quietly on its allotted nail, ready at all times to dispel doubt and preside with undisputed sway over domestic arrangements. The services of this valuable and important personage may be secured on easy terms. The Fasti of the Romans have been found engraved on antique stones, and private copies were accessible only to the great: the rude almanacks of our ancestors, again, were cut in wood—sometimes on the scabbards of swords—or on a portable steelyard—on brass or horn, or on the skins of seals drawn over a stick. But in the present day the necessity of