

The following Testimony, from the Officers of a British American Corps stationed in the Island of St. John, (now called Prince Edward Island,) at the close of the American War, they being wholly disinterested and perfectly well acquainted with the different American States, is at once the most unequivocal, as well as the least to be suspected evidence that can possibly be given of the National advantages, and superior excellence, of that truly valuable and delightful Island.

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ADDRESSED to such Loyalists who either have already left, or who hereafter may leave their respective Countries in search of other Habitations.

We the subscribers (your countrymen and fellow sufferers) hearing that several families have already arrived in Nova Scotia from New York, and that many others intend coming to some of these northern colonies next spring, think it our duty to point out this island to you as the most eligible country for you to repair to, of any we know between this and New Jersey. The soil is good, it is well wooded, and free from rocks. The climate so good that fevers and agues are unknown; water every where excellent. The harbours spacious, numerous and safe. The rivers, bays, lakes, and coasts, abounding with a great variety of shell and almost all other sorts of fish, and good in their kinds. The government is mild. But very few taxes; these very light, and raised solely for the benefit of the island. There is room for tens of thousands, and lands in the finest situations, on harbours, navigable rivers, and bays, to be had exceedingly reasonable. Cattle are plenty. Witness the droves which have been this year taken to Halifax market. Before we came here, we were told, as perhaps you may be, the