

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA TO THE  
SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY, ETC.

Halifax, Sept. 14, 1827.

REVEREND SIR,

I embrace the earliest opportunity, since my return to this place, to give you such particulars relative to schools in Newfoundland as I was able to collect, during my recent visitation of that island.

At ST. JOHN'S, as you are already informed, there is an excellent free school, the master of which, Mr. Beacon, educated entirely in that school, is now here, and promises to be a very efficient Madras master. I brought him with me in his Majesty's ship Alligator, upon an undertaking that all his expenses should be paid; and as the Society were anxious for the establishment of a competent central school in Newfoundland, and this was the only feasible mode of obtaining it, I hope the Board will approve of my having drawn upon them for the amount of those expenses, 20*l*. I should also recommend that some addition be made to Mr. Beacon's salary; and that a small salary be granted to the mistress of the girls' school, as soon as both are in successful operation as National schools. The usual attendance of boys at Mr. Beacon's school is from 100 to 120. The girls under Miss Rennell are from seventy to eighty in number. There is a more numerous attendance of children at the Orphan Asylum, chiefly Roman Catholics. The Newfoundland Society's School here, whose building has cost more than 700*l*. is indifferently attended. On one day when I visited it, there were only fifteen boys and