

the wretched state of the Aborigines of Nova-Scotia, who as a Royal Duke* very judiciously observes "blend in their characters, all the worst features of rude and uncultivated nature, with the vilest habits and manners that can be gathered from the lowest classes of what is termed civilised society," and the following words of Robertson cannot be too often quoted—he says. "The people of North America when first discovered were not acquainted with any intoxicating drink, but as the Europeans early found it their interest to supply them with spiritous liquors, drunkenness soon became as universal among them, as among their countrymen to the south."

It is foreign to my purpose to irritate or to cast a shade over the virtues of many of the respectable inhabitants of this town, whose character for benevolence I truly appreciate, and who have evinced their sincerity in the recent establishment of some Institutions† whose benefits must be eternal, but permit me to add that the original settlers of these colonies have not reflected lustre on the christian character, or honoured the name of Britain, and while we blush for the evils they have committed on the poor Indians, we are constrained to say, that many of us who affect to use the name of christian, show by our example that we are even unworthy to be called Pagans, to whom we as Britons are nevertheless indebted for many of our invaluable civil privileges; and it is only necessary to refer to the history of our country for the truth of these assertions‡ and it is not a little

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†A school on the new system of Bell and Lancaster on a most liberal plan, and a very extensive Bible society, and religious tract society, which are well supported

‡Thus the Roman Emperor whose courtesy and readiness to do good have been celebrated even by christian writers took every method to in-