

LETTER, &c.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

The inhabitants of Saint Johns, in the Island of Newfoundland, have found it necessary to address the Prince Regent, in consequence of having been deprived, by an Act of the last session of Parliament, of certain Ships' rooms in that Town: as it is to be hoped that the subject will be rediscussed, it must be the wish of every Senator to obtain all the information in his power, respecting every subject on which he may be called to deliberate and to vote.

The ignorance of that English Minister, who enquired what kind of trees grew on the Banks of Newfoundland? is truly characteristic of that defective information which is still so apparent in the policy observed towards this Settlement.

The Act 51, Geo. III, Chap. Entituled an act for taking away the public use of certain *Ships' Rooms* in the Town of Saint Johns, in the Island of Newfoundland &c. &c. has surprised and alarmed the inhabitants; they judge it irreconcilable to that just regard to the rights of a people, to that love of justice, and of liberty which forms so predominant a feature of Parliament.

The inhabitants of this Island have no legislature, they are not represented in your house—misfortunes they felt severely, when they learned that a property they had hitherto considered as theirs, and which they contemplated as the inheritance of their children had been taken from them, without their knowledge, without an opportunity of coming to your Bar, and of pleading for their rights.