

## P R O P O S A L S.

*Whitehall, March 7, 1748-9.*

**A** Proposal having been presented unto His Majesty, for the establishing a Civil Government in the Province of *Nova Scotia* in *North America*, as also for the better peopling and settling the said Province, and extending and improving the Fishery thereof, by granting Lands within the same, and giving other Encouragements to such of the Officers and private Men lately dismissed his Majesty's Land and Sea-service, as shall be willing to settle in the said Province; and his Majesty having signified his Royal Approbation of the Purport of the said Proposals, the Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, do, by his Majesty's Command, give Notice, That proper Encouragement will be given to such of the Officers and private Men, lately dismissed his Majesty's Land and Sea-service, as are willing to accept of Grants of Land, and to settle with or without Families, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*.

That 50 Acres of Land will be granted in Fee Simple, to every private Soldier or Seaman, free from the Payment of any Quit-rents or Taxes, for the Term of ten Years; at the Expiration whereof, no Person to pay more than 1 s. *per Annum* for every 50 Acres so granted.

That a Grant of 10 Acres, over and above the said 50 Acres, will be made to each private Soldier or Seaman having a Family, for every Person, including Women and Children, of which his Family shall consist; and further Grants made to them, on the like Conditions, as their Families shall increase, or in Proportion to their Abilities to cultivate the same. That