

dates, that even if they are unsuccessful, the intellectual improvement they derive from such an effort, is much the most valuable part of the Prize ; or, rather, much more to be valued than the Prize itself.

It must, however, be remembered, that seven or eight weeks have yet to elapse before the time fixed for the reception of Prize Essays, or Papers, or Paintings, for the present year. During that time, the Society may still hope, that neither its offers, nor the very liberal ones of the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES GREY, will be entirely neglected by the public.

The Committee on Historical Documents, states, as appears by the Report also before you, that its efforts have as yet been attended with but very partial success. Unforeseen difficulties have hitherto baffled its endeavours to obtain information in England, though it has been led to hope, that these difficulties may at length be surmounted. Its attempts to obtain information from the Bureau de la Marine in France, have been equally unsuccessful, and the last accounts seem to indicate, that the Records from which this information was expected, were destroyed in the Revolution of 1789 and 91. Still the hope is not abandoned. The only object which the Committee has at present the prospect of accomplishing, is the publication of an interesting document, obligingly communicated by Colonel CHRISTIE, and illustrating the History of the Province from 1749 to 1760. It has been just committed to the Press.

Only one other subject remains to be considered, before drawing this hasty sketch of your affairs to a conclusion. The paramount attention due to our financial concerns, has, up to this period, prevented the continued publication of the Society's Transactions. The obstacle arising from this source, has, at last, been removed, and your Council