

and disinterested exertions in behalf of the poor, have secured him the favourable opinion of all men, whose approbation is valuable.

The lands behind Dartmouth, are increasing in population and agricultural improvement, which has had some effect in recovering the town. It is contemplated to open a communication by canals, connecting the Shubenaccadie with the harbor at Dartmouth: this is evidently practicable; but it is questionable, if the country be sufficiently populous, to justify so expensive a labour.

At the close of the revolutionary war, a number of respectable loyalist families from America, brought to Halifax their property, and became residents; and by their capital, increased the growing importance of the town.

During the late war, it became the general rendezvous of our ships, consequently the resort of their prizes, which has materially enriched the place, and extended its commerce. The military and naval arsenals, the public hospitals, the ordnance, and other establishments, have added to its magnitude, and increased its consequence.

The military, have excellent quarters: 3,000 men, with their proportion of officers, can be comfortably accommodated without encumbering the town.

The naval yard is seated above the town; the Commissioner's house, and other buildings of the establishment, add much to the beauty of the scenery which presents itself, in ascending the