

THIS, in every point of view, is an object of equal importance with the preceding, and I therefore crave your most serious attention in its behalf. Indeed protection and patronage take place of alms, in proportion as a friend is of more value than a little money.

UNDER the spreading population of the new world as well as of the old, the difficulty will every day increase of procuring confidence and employment, without sufficient documents of adequate talents and a blameless life. In the infancy of the colonies, the scarcity of men made it necessary to abate much of that jealous enquiry into the history and merits of settlers and servants which is customary in countries that have been longer established. The presence of emigrants was so consolatory, and their assistance so needful, that they were kindly received and courteously entertained by every government. But this period is nearly past. A rapid population begins to produce a keen competition for the various appointments of life; and, every thing else equal, a smaller scale of subordination and a simpler state of manners is likely soon to make personal merit of more consequence here, than we find it in parts of the globe more highly improved.

IN the present condition of the town and colony, it may justly be apprehended that application for certificates will not be wanting. Where so many hazardous experiments are made on fortune and happiness, as every day discloses, failures are unavoidable; and after exhausting the resources which the place affords, the scene must be shifted, and a new theatre tried. The conviction of the importance of obtaining creditable recommendations, in exigencies of this kind, may do much good. It may operate on our countrymen as a powerful incitement to that temperance and industry for which they have been remarked;—that in every reverse they may still enjoy, under your institution, the invaluable blessing of a good character; and the assurance of carrying a respectable introduction among strangers, if it shall be necessary for them to relinquish their establishment in this Province, and their friends in this Society.

THE fitness and propriety, the importance and utility of your institution, must have appeared in a stronger light from this enumeration of its ends, than from the formal vindication of its foundation and principle at an earlier period of the discourse.

HOWEVER inexpedient and unnecessary such Societies may be elsewhere, here, at least, they are both commendable and