

and impudence dictated such assertions—is there any excuse why such ignorance should exist? We answer that we know of no authority altogether sufficient on such subjects. Moorsom's vague and in some instances pultry book, is a miserable reference—Haliburton's partially valuable history of the Province, is at fault in many matters. For instance, in the case under consideration, he says that, an hospital was erected for the sick emigrants—the fact is, that a tent in the poor house yard was the only shelter erected, for their use; the principal part of the sick being humanely accommodated in the poor house, and in an old barn about a mile distant from town. Again, he says that in consequence of sickness brought by the emigrants, eight hundred and eleven deaths occurred at Halifax, between Dec. 1826, and October, 1827. He might as well have charged the unfortunate strangers with setting the Liffy on fire. It is well known that many cases of small pox and fever occurred at Halifax then, as at other periods, which could not be at all traced to proceed from connection with emigrants—also, it was for reasons connected with the climate a most sickly period, and one, in which it was particularly noticed, that a much greater than usual number of old and delicate inhabitants died, from pulmonary and other complaints—for the introduction of which he might as well blame the man in the moon, as the emigrants. Yet all the mortality which happened from December to October, is placed to the accounts of the vessels which arrived in July!!

Grants from the Treasury, to prevent starvation, to which the sagacious critic of the New Monthly alludes, belongs, we imagine, to a different affair. In 1828, a grant was proposed and at once acquiesced in by the House of Assembly and Council, of £500 to Scotch Emigrants in the Island of Cape Breton, to keep them from want and starvation during the winter and spring. This, most likely is the circumstance on which the critic builds the misery and idleness of the Irish in Nova Scotia!

These and many other similar arguments, ought to strongly induce Nova Scotians, adopted and Native, to KNOW THEMSELVES, at least, and by degrees they will be easily enabled to impart knowledge of themselves to others.

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### No. 1—The Coronation.

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I HAVE often remarked, that in events which have been described with greatest accuracy, and on which torrents of words have been expended, many incidents the most interesting to in-