

to assure you that I have the liveliest sense of this, and of the other marks of polite attention with which the Rector, Churchwardens, and Protestant inhabitants of the city of Montreal, have been pleased to honor me.

Anxious as I truly am that His Majesty's beneficent views may be answered in appointing a Protestant Bishop for His American dominions, it gives me unspeakable pleasure to find that you entertain such just sentiments of the advantages which accrue to society by encouraging true Religion and Learning; and to be assured of your earnest desire to concur, with zeal and alacrity, in support of our Holy Faith, from a conviction of its tendency to promote the glory of God, and the happiness of mankind.

These sentiments, and this disposition, do you the highest honor. They manifest a laudable concern for the welfare of posterity, the interest and reputation of your country, the credit of our most Holy Religion, and the honor of Him who is the great author of our existence, and of all other mercies. You may believe me when I assure you, that no endeavour on my part shall be wanting to promote objects so important; and that I shall reckon it among the happiest circumstances of my life, if my endeavours, in conjunction with yours, should be crowned with success.

Attention to Religion and Literature will ever mark the conduct of a wise people. Religion is the only sure basis of virtue; as virtue is the source of public prosperity. The inward purity, benevolence, and rectitude of morals so strongly inculcated by Christianity, at once secure the happiness of individuals, and are productive of general order and peace in communities: And from science are derived all those improvements which contribute so much to the convenience of life: and that superiority, by which enlightened nations are distinguished from those that are sunk in ignorance and barbarism.

I see no just cause to doubt, but much reason to believe, that, with the blessing of God on such prudent measures as shall be adopted for the purpose, our joint efforts may assure those benefits to this province. Under the patronage of our beloved Sovereign, and of His worthy Representative in British America, there is every incentive to animate your exertions. And whilst you manifest a becoming zeal for the truths and duties of our Holy Faith, and for the advancement of Literature, I trust that zeal will always be tempered with such mildness and candour towards others, as shall evince you to be genuine followers of Him who has declared that mutual love is

the distinguishing badge and characteristic of His Disciples.

I cannot forbear on this occasion, most heartily to congratulate you on the late memorable event, which may serve to stimulate your zeal in the business before us—I mean His Majesty's recovery from a dangerous and afflicting illness. No people perhaps were ever more blessed than we in a Sovereign, who is anxiously solicitous for the happiness of His subjects, who is the munificent Patron of Science, and who exhibits in His own person a shining example of every Christian and Princely virtue. But we were lately alarmed with dismal apprehensions that this blessing would be snatched from us—the whole nation was overspread with gloom—distress appeared in every countenance—sympathetic sorrow pervaded every loss—all were deeply interested in the preservation of their common benefactor and Father, and offered their fervent petitions to Heaven for His recovery. God has been graciously pleased to hear us, and to restore our much beloved Sovereign to the prayers of His people.

It remains for us that we cherish a grateful sense of so transcendent a mercy; and testify the sincerity of our gratitude by acts of devout homage to the Almighty, and by unshaken loyalty to our Sovereign. May His subjects long—very long, thankfully enjoy the blessings of His mild and just government; and may the Citizens of Montreal, in particular, prosperous and crowned with all temporal felicity, exhibit such a pattern of warm attention to the interests of Religion, Virtue and Science, as shall excite emulation and similar exertions in their fellow subjects throughout the province of Quebec.

Heartily commending you to the grace and protection of Almighty God, I am with sentiments of sincere esteem,

GENTLEMEN,

Your affectionate and
Humble Servant,

CHARLES NOVA-SCOTIA.

Montreal July 8, 1789.

Quebec, August 13. On Wednesday the 5th inst. the Right Reverend Father in God CHARLES Bishop of Nova-Scotia held his primary visitation at the church of the Recollects in this city. Divine service was performed to a crowded audience, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Philip Tesjey, minister of the parish; after divine service, an excellent charge was delivered by the Bishop to his clergy, upon the various and important duties of their office, with great force and energy.