

edict, raise money by excise, appoint themselves judges of their own laws, have punished by whipping, fine, imprisonment, without indictment and without jury, powers and courts unknown to the english constitution— from the mention of this only my Lord, it is easy to guess, if there was nothing more, that english men will never contentedly set down under such an administration.

The next is the disposing the grants chiefly to military uses, and not to the improvement of the colony.

I apprehend my Lord the people of *England* are deceived in this point : fifty thousand pounds is granted annually supposed to be expended in the settlement of this colony, whereas not a tenth part is expended on that account, the rest being applied in military expensures, possibly the circumstances of the colony might at this time require it ; but had one quarter of that money been distributed in bounties on clearing land and on the fishery, there would have been such an increase of trade and navigation and husbandry, that there would by this time have been ten settlers to one of the present, which would have excused such a consumption of english manufactures as would have amply repaid them all the expence : before this time it would have become a secure frontier against the incroachments of the French, and in a short time been able to subsist