

HALIFAX, 8th December, 1785.

GENTLEMEN;

' I conceive it my Duty to give you every Information in my  
 ' Power, and am very sorry it is at present on so disagreeable a subject ;  
 ' A Committee of the House have this Day set aside the Election held  
 ' at *Annapolis*, so far as it related to Mr. *Seabury*, and a new writ for  
 ' the Election of a Member will be issued immediately. It is unneces-  
 ' sary for me to observe the proceeding was irregular and unpreceden-  
 ' ted, every Thing that could be said in our favour was urged by the  
 ' Attorney General Mr. *Blowers*, but really the Majority of Members  
 ' appeared to have come determined right or wrong to vacate the  
 ' Election, and with every argument that could be offered to suspend  
 ' their opinion until, the Sheriff was called up and heard in his Defence,  
 ' the Measure was carried against us ; Matters being thus circumstan-  
 ' ced it calls forth all your Exertions to support our Interest, and we  
 ' shall deserve our Fate if we permit Capt. *Howe*, to carry his Elec-  
 ' tion ; I hope and am positive your Zeal will animate you to step for-  
 ' ward, and in Defiance of labour and trouble strain every Nerve to ac-  
 ' complish the returning of Mr. *Seabury* again. I am not frightened,  
 ' at this Rebuff, but hope in the course of a few Days we shall carry a  
 ' decided Majority in this House at least if I can judge from appear-  
 ' ances, and I have the Vanity to think, that had the Question been  
 ' put off a few days we would not have met with this Mortification.  
 ' However let us not brood on the past but push forward to the future.  
 ' Colonel *Delancy* must again revisit *Digby*, and every Man that has  
 ' Interest there, Mr. *St. Croix* and the Mr. *Ruggles's* must attend to  
 ' *Wilmot* and send word to Col. and Lieutenant *Robinson* to have the  
 ' Mountain people down. I wish I could be with you to partake of  
 ' the Fatigue, but I must again call on you to strain every Nerve and  
 ' shew yourselves Men of Resolution.

' What a Shame will it be to lose our Election, and how great a  
 ' Right will the Province at large have to ground their Opinion on,  
 ' if Capt. *Howe* should be returned !

' Call a public and a general Meeting, and let your Measures be  
 ' speedy and animated ; any thing in my Power either in a Private or  
 ' public Capacity, I beg you will command.

' I have the Honor to be, Gentlemen, with sincere Regard and  
 ' Esteem,

' Your most obedient Servant,

THOMAS BARCLAY.

To Messers *Totten*, *Diskson*, *St. Croix*, *Col. Delancy*, *Col. Lovett*, *Prince*,  
*Mr. Pineo*, &c. &c. and the Gentlemen at *Digby* and *Bear River*,  
 &c. with Capt. *Cornwall* and Capt. *Thorne*, &c.

*Major Barclay*  
 avows writing the  
 Letter.

And *Major Barclay*, being also called on to avow or disavow the  
 foregoing Letter and to explain his Motives in writing such Letter and  
 having avowed it, and explained his motives in Writing it.

Mr.