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WITH A LIKENESS OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS.

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IN our last, we published two pieces, both well written, relating to his Royal Highness the late Duke of York, &c. The following Memoir, accompanied with a likeness, engraved expressly for the Acadian Magazine, which in STRIKING EXPRESSION, does not come short of the productions of the most celebrated English artists, will, we are persuaded, be acceptable to all our readers. Nova-Scotia is fast improving in Literature and the Arts; and the Proprietors of the Acadian Magazine are desirous, though at a considerable expense, of aiding that improvement: and they are well assured, that the present attempt will be duly estimated.

PRINCE FREDERICK, second son of George III., and brother to his present Majesty, George IV., was born on the 16th of August, 1763, and was elected bishop of Osnaburg, February 27, 1764. His Royal Highness, at a Chapter of the Bath, held on the 30th of December, 1767, was invested with the ensigns of that most honourable order, and installed in Henry VII.'s chapel, as first and principal companion, June 15, 1772. He was elected a companion of the most noble Order of the Garter on the 19th of June, 1771, and installed at Windsor the 25th of the same month.

In 1775, while their Majesties passed their summer at Kew, the mode of living adopted by them, and the treatment received by the children from their royal parents, are thus sketched:—

“At six in the morning their Majesties rose, and enjoyed the two succeeding hours, which they called their own. At eight, the prince of Wales, Duke of York, the princess royal, and princes William and Henry, were brought from their several houses to Kew-house, to breakfast with their illustrious relations. At nine, their

youngest children attended to lisp or smile their Good-morrrows; and whilst the five eldest were closely applying to their task, the little ones, with their nurses, passed the whole morning in Richmond-gardens. The king and queen frequently amused themselves with sitting in the room while the children dined; and once a week, attended by the whole number in pairs, made the delightful tour of Richmond-gardens. In the afternoon, the queen worked, and the king read to her; and whatever charm ambition or folly may conceive to await so exalted a situation, it was neither on the throne, nor in the drawing-room, in the splendour or toys of sovereignty, that they placed their felicity: it was in social and domestic gratifications, in breathing the free air, admiring the works of nature, tasting and encouraging the elegancies of art, and in living to the approbation of their own hearts. In the evening, all the children again paid their duty at Kew-house before they retired to bed; and the same order was observed through each returning day. The sovereign was the father of his family; not a grievance reached his know-