
A LETTER, &c.

GENTLEMEN,

THOUGH this is not the country to which I owe my birth and education; yet I conceive my interests, and yours, and those of all your countrymen, to be the same. We enjoy, in common, the friendly protection of one government, and of the same laws. Our prosperity is advanced, and retarded by the same means. If we cannot, therefore, call ourselves, *countrymen*, certainly, the names, *fellow-citizens*, and *brothers*, cannot be refused. Impressed with the recollection of so many causes of unanimity and confidence, I have ventured to lay before you, the following reflexions on a subject in which we are all deeply concerned.

NEXT to the desire that our countrymen should be virtuous and good, ought to be the wish that they should possess some portion of knowledge; of that knowledge which gives a man resources within himself; which discovers to him the certain, though remote consequences of vile conduct; and which enables him to employ his talents, to the greatest advantage for himself, his family, and his country.

We cannot, then, without regret, contemplate the state of knowledge in this Province. That

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