

TO THE PUBLIC.

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WHEN I last addressed you in Mason's Hall, on the deplorable state of the Indians, I endeavoured as far as my abilities would allow, to produce a sensation of comiseration in the minds of the public, and while I regret the ill success which has hitherto attended my feeble efforts on this important subject in this colony, I am consoled with the thought that the house of assembly at Fredricton, in the province of New-Brunswick, has taken the affair into its serious consideration, and I trust I shall shortly be able to lay before you a favourable report of the result of its deliberations, and matured plans for the benefit of these poor neglected fellow-creatures; Sir Thomas Saumerez, the President, and Commander in Chief of that Province, having rendered his warmest patronage and support in the cause of benevolence, and the Rules and Regulations of a Society lately established at Fredricton, under the auspices of this honor, have been already published. (*See appendix*)

My present object is to prove, the great capability of the Indians to become a civilized people, the idea of which the white Inhabitants of this colony generally consider chimerical and problematical; some having ridiculed my efforts to ameliorate the situation of these poor creatures, and have grounded their arguments on the deficiency of their intellectual powers, and the extreme degeneracy of their morals, but I may be permitted to add with great truth, that as no experiment has yet been tried to justify their positions, no observations of