

If you ask what is the reason, that of the thousands of people which flock'd here at the beginning of this settlement from the other colonies, there are hardly hundreds left : I answer, A military government ; that of the poor few which remain, there is not one, except those who share the King's bounty, but who are discontented and dejected ; Answer, a military government : That the Governours who have been sent here by the King, and plentifully furnish'd with money yearly, that they might cherish and support this infant colony, which he was so fond of, instead of raising her to such a degree of strength as to be able in some measure to maintain and defend herself, with the assistance of her neighbour colony, which it is the opinion of every man of sense might infallibly have been done for a fifth part of the sums which have already been wasted here, if judiciously apply'd, that is, if men of experience had had the management of them, they on the contrary have reduced her to a meer skeleton with hardly any remains of life ? I answer, tis because they are military men, and guided by military councils, whose trade and whose inclinations are to ravage and destroy a country instead of raising and improving it.

That for the vast sums squander'd away here, there is nothing to be seen but a parcel of half built empty houses, & two or three slight
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