

I have therefore in order to satisfy your Lordship applied my self to several gentlemen here in *London*, who correspond with some of the inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia*, and have prevailed on them (the more carefully to satisfy your Lordship) to give me extracts of several letters lately received from thence, as in my opinion literary descriptions from persons on the spot will afford your Lordship a better idea of the present state of the country and the difficulties they labour under, for people under oppression will speak their sentiments the most naturally. As I have procured many such extracts which I apprehend will fully satisfy your Lordship of the present state, I shall only add a few things in general.

The intent of his Majesty being as I have always understood, to settle that colony with english inhabitants under english liberty, was the greatest motive that induced me and a thousand others to go there, and among many reasons which have forced them to quit it, the following articles are not the least.

First, a military Government.

I do not mean my Lord, that the inhabitants are governed by marshal laws, but that the Governour and gentlemen who compose the council are military men. And that they have no legislative power (as having no Assembly or Representatives of the people) but usurp that authority and publish laws by edict,