

degree of infatuation, they have done all in their power to trample on the charters, violate the covenants, and deny the honours granted by the former Sovereigns of these realms; to as loyal, as high-minded and distinguished a Body of its first families as the Empire can boast; and who, through their influence, devotion to the Throne, and love of their Country, are eminently calculated in the hour of need, should that ever arrive, to render themselves worthy of the high place the Royal Founder assigned them,—that of rallying round the standard and the person of their Sovereign in the hour of danger.

“ You have only to go on in the course you are now pursuing to insure final success; and above all, I cannot see one ground on which to establish a single doubt of the validity of the claim of the Baronets of Nova Scotia to their territorial grants in that Province. Believe me I take the deepest interest in your success, and shall always be anxious to hear of the progress you make.”—*Letter from the Hon. Sir William Hillary, Bart., G. C. J. J., dated Fort Anne, 23rd Oct. 1844.*

“ I cannot have taken the active part I have, since I had the honour of being elected on the Committee which has been deputed to watch over the important privileges of the sixth degree of DIGNITY HEREDITARY in the Empire, without being animated with the best wishes for every success attending the Meeting of the Scottish and Nova Scotia Branch of the Order on the 7th instant.

“ It appears to me that the magnitude of the business to be laid before that noble assembly ought not to be lost sight of. It must be borne in mind how eminently the hands of the General Committee for the affairs of the Order would be strengthened by the accession of a cordial co-operation of the Nova Scotia Baronets, not only promoting but supporting some such measure as the proposed ‘SCOTTISH COMPANY FOR ADVANCING THE PLANTATION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND CANADA,’ which, if organized and brought under public notice superintended by an influential direction, must be a successful institution, as the patronage of the BARONETAGE will be a guarantee to the community of far higher consideration than the ephemeral mercantile speculations of the day. Depend upon it that the Ulster Branch of the Order are anxiously looking to your unwearied assiduities in the good work in the North, to assist them in keeping pace with the march of onward movement that is putting all classes, from the peer to the peasant, into motion. The time has come when the Baronets must stand by their Order, by performing their compact with the Crown which granted our Family Honours. We can no longer stand still. We must step out, and take up the ground we have lost by others in the State striding before us.

“ Society now calls upon us trumpet tongued to take part as an integral portion of the Aristocracy, to assert our utility as a Body which was incorporated for the advancement of great ameliorations in the social condition of our less fortunate fellow subjects, and patriotism and philanthropy unite to hail the undertaking as one that ought to have the hearty