

To the Right Honourable THE EARL OF ABERDEEN,
G.C.M.G., LL.D., D.C.L. :

MY LORD,

I am quite sure that you will take an interest in this short, and even imperfect, review of the origin and services of the builders of a province, with which you have a direct connection as one of the order of Baronets, created two hundred and seventy-four years ago by a Stuart King in furtherance of a wise design to settle and develop the territory of Acadia, which then received its present name of Nova Scotia. But Nova Scotians, as well as Canadians generally, feel that you have a far stronger claim to their respect than any based on the mere possession of an almost forgotten honour ; and that is, the deep concern you always showed during your administration of the high office of governor-general in every matter affecting the intellectual, social and material development of a wide Dominion, never imagined in the most ambitious visions of Sir Walter Raleigh or Sir William Alexander, or other bold colonisers of the days of Elizabeth and James the First of England.

JOHN G. BOURINOT.

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