

your Hon. Board, the particular situation of the County thus so favoured they beg to state, that the Township of Annapolis thus returning one member, contains but a population of 2578, that of Granville 2526, and Digby, that of 3614 souls; and when compared to the situation of the District, to which your humble Memorialists belong, the injustice of refusing to them a share in the representation, must appear manifest; for your Memorialists, on referring to the same documents, humbly submit to your Majesty and your Honorable Board, the following as correct statements, that the District of Pictou at the period alluded to, contained a population of nearly 14,000 souls, with cultivated land to the extent of 49,181 acres, possessing three distinct Townships, viz. Pictou, with a population of 6989 Egerton, with that of 4923, and Maxwellton of 1787. Yet with all this immense difference, Your Humble Memorialists, are not permitted to send to the Assembly any Town or County members; and thus the District of Pictou stands without any one distinct member to represent it in the Provincial Parliament! Your Memorialists would therefore humbly submit to your Majesty, and your honorable Board, that the Bill thus passed by our Provincial Legislature would in some measure relieve your Memorialists from the difficulties under which they earnestly, but with all the feelings of loyalty and duty look to your Majesty, for the exercise of that Royal Prerogative, which has never been employed for the purpose of denying to any of Your Majesty's loyal Colonial subjects, an inherent right.

Your Humble Memorialists, therefore approach their Sovereign and His Honorable Board, with a consciousness, that their claims will receive that consideration; which a Government, controlled and influenced by principles of sound policy, and extending to all parts of the King's dominions, a fostering care and protection, have ever shown; and that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to give effect and validity to their local Legislature, by granting to the Act passed by that body for the Division of the County of Halifax and regulating the representation thereof, His Majesty's Royal Assent.

And His Majesty's Loyal and Dutiful Subjects residing in this District, now assembled at a Public Meeting, will ever pray, &c.

Moved by Mr. Peter Crerar, seconded by Mr. Geo. McKay, and thereupon unanimously

Resolved—That the Petition now read be adopted, and that the Chairman do sign the same for, and in behalf of, this Public Meeting, and transmit the same to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he would be pleased to have the same laid before His Majesty and his Council, and that the influence of his high station be used in accomplishing its object.

Moved by Henry Blackadar, Esquire, seconded by Mr. Peter Crerar, and unanimously

Resolved—That this memorial to His Majesty and his Council, be sent to George Smith, Esquire, for presentment to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that he solicit his Excellency to forward the same by the first Packet to England.

Moved by Mr. John McKay, seconded by Mr. Peter Crerar, and thereupon unanimously

Resolved—That a vote of thanks from this Meeting be given to George Smith Esquire, for the prompt manner in which he brought this measure before the Assembly.

A vote of thanks was then passed to David Crichton, Esquire, the Chairman, for his attention in conducting the business of the meeting.

JAMES SKINNER, Junr.  
Clerk to the Public Meeting.

Pictou, 10th Feb'y, 1836.

[FOR THE BEE.]

MR. EDITOR,

SIR—One month of the doubly interesting LEAP YEAR has been allowed to pass unheeded and fruitlessly away, and mortifying to the feelings of our bashful Fraternity, not one of those anticipated advances have been made, which we in fondness had hoped, would ere now have been realized through the exertions of beings denominated "Heaven's last Gift." Strange as complainings of this kind may appear in the columns of a Periodical, they are nevertheless founded on true and painful premises. Perhaps it may not be generally known, that single gentlemen, arriving at a certain age, become timid to a degree, and are but too apt to imagine that the appellation "Old Bachelor," embodies a stigma almost amounting to a prohibition from female society. Indeed, at a late meeting of our Brotherhood, this seemed to be the prevailing opinion, and despair was about to

stamp her withering mark upon each hopeless brow, when one more fruitful in expectation than the rest, luckily hinted, that the year was at hand wherein the ladies would have the privilege of selecting, without infringing the limits of decorum; and if not through choice, their well known benevolence and pity would give a chance to the members of our too diffident association. From effects immediately produced, it would seem that not only the reality, but even the prospect of "woman's smile" can at any time dispel the most gloomy apprehension. Beams of joyful anticipation instantly rounded each lengthened visage, and a discussion cheerful in the extreme, (upon the origin of leap year,) gave animation and eloquence to the tongue of each late frost bitten bachelor, whence it was inferred, and unanimously concluded, that the foresight of our ancestors had instituted and set apart this season of love, expressly for the benefit of timid gentlemen, when somewhat past the meridian of self-assurance, and that the calculations of astronomers, respecting Leap Year, were in reality nothing more than the ravings of Planet-stricken madmen. Pleased with the happy termination of the evening, each delighted member retired to his apartment, where, in compliment to the ladies expected to be met on the morrow, a copious libation of sweet oil, eau d' cologne and other smoothing liquids being bestowed upon the face, morpheus was invoked, and dreams of pleasing anticipation flitted around the couch of late inquietude and despair; and surely *ær. Editor*, sweet oil and perfumed waters are far less injurious to health and morality, than the noxious quaffing of whiskey punch and other deleterious compositions, now invariably closing the entertainments of certain fashionable clubs. But Sir, hope blighted in the bud has often proved fatal to the most brilliant of prospects, and that such may be the case with our unassuming Fraternity, apprehensions may be entertained, deeply hereafter will it be lamented, that in consequence of the ladies refusing or neglecting to exercise a portion of that privilege so justly at present bestowed; numbers of individuals every way qualified to render the domestic circle easy and happy, must linger out existence, and close their solitary days in that worst of all conditions, a state of wretched singleness. We would therefore again remind our female acquaintances that one month of the eventful year has passed from the calendar of hope, and also to request them to consider that such delay may be the means not only of destroying our anticipations, but may possibly deprive themselves of all the comforts and enjoyments to be obtained by sharing in the lot of well-conditioned Bachelors. Trusting that the ladies will no longer allow their prerogative to be so cruelly neglected, but that they will immediately put in practice the means of adding to human felicity by acting the part destined them for the year.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Your Diffident Servants,

By our Secretary,

BILLY BASINFUL.

Pictou, Feb. 1, 1836.

[FOR THE BEE.]

TO GAMMA.

SURELY, my dear Sir, after your assertions, no person will venture to deny that a dog's conduct in "driving the swine from the potatoe field" or crouching under the uplifted whip of his master, is an indication of a very nice and discriminating conscience. But, in your endeavour to maintain your argument that reason implies accountability, you proceed in a way which appears to me rather singular. you first say that by reason we obtain a knowledge of "Mathematics, Political Economy and that Virtue is the path to happiness," from which you conclude, therefore reason makes men and dogs accountable. In the next place you tell us that "without reason heathen nations could not obtain a knowledge of the existence of a Deity;" and from this you draw the same conclusion. Just in the same manner you might

argue, that because the sense of sight enables a christian to read his bible, it is the test of his accountability: and the morose child who ever learned his catechism, could inform you that heathen nations will not be judged by "the light of reason," but by what the scriptures call "the law in their own minds," or in other words, by conscience. Your objection therefore is groundless unless you can prove that reason and conscience are the *same*, an undertaking which I am afraid will baffle even your abilities: and as this appears to be your only argument, I would advise you to scribble upon some subject with which you are better acquainted.

Before leaving you, I must remark that your communications, notwithstanding the notes of admiration with which they are so profusely adorned, betray a miserable scarcity of solid argument, and a desire to avoid anything like serious discussion. I therefore give you fair warning that I will take no notice of any further communications written in the same strain.

Wednesday evening.

DELTA.

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THE NOVA-COTIA SONGSTER,

being a selection of Scotch, English, Irish, Love, Naval and Comic Songs. JAS. DAWSON.  
Pictou, February 10, 1836

For Sale.

AN Excellent Lot of LAND situate on the Road leading from the Middle to the East River of Pictou, adjoining the Lands of Alexander Horn. For Terms, which will be made liberal, please apply to

JOHN MCKENZIE.

West River, Pictou, 8th Feb., 1836.

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10 CASKS, of 15 gallons each, for sale by ROSS & PRIMROSE  
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Growth of 1835.

The Subscriber has received his usual supply of Garden, Field, and Flower SEEDS, among which are 1500 lbs. of American red clover seed, 20 bush. timothy seed, dwarf and pole peas and beans, &c. Feb'y 1836. JAMES DAWSON.

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[December 36.

FINAL NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of the late WILLIAM MORTIMER, Esq., will please to take notice that unless they make immediate payment to the subscriber, legal proceedings will be instituted against them without distinction.

MARTIN J. WILKINS

Nov. 4.

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