

themselves, their families and effects. to a place of greater safety, in some of the neighboring colonies.

Halifax, Nov. 1, 1757.

Among the Parliamentary grants for the year 1758 there were—"For supporting the colony of Nova Scotia (upon account) £9,002 5s. od.;" and "for the forces and garrisons in the plantations and Gibraltar, and for provisions for the garrison in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Gibraltar, and Providence, £623,704 os. 2d.

The whole appropriation for the year was £10,486,457 os. od., nearly all of which was in connection with the army, navy, fortifications, subsidies for war purposes to foreign allies, &c.

QUEEN ANNE'S FARTHING.



ALWAYS had from my earliest recollection a curious idea of the intrinsic value of these farthings, and until recently I believed all the fables circulated concerning them, but owing to a doubt having been expressed as to the truthfulness of these reports I have after some trouble and research, collected a few interesting facts, not only in regard to the farthing; but also some information in respect to the stories in circulation. The prevailing opinion many years ago in regard to the real farthing of Anne was, "That there were but three farthings struck, the die breaking in casting the third." "The British Museum had two of them, and would give a large sum for the third." These and other stories equally untrue, having gained credit at the time, were the cause of much trouble to those who believed them. To give an idea what mischief these unfortunate reports caused, I shall mention one or two instances which occurred. In the City of Dublin many years since, a young man named Home, employed by a confectioner, having been sent out for some change, in counting