

made a return according to the Governor's requisition. The number in Nova Scotia appearing to be very disproportionate to the whole Fifty-five, occasioned the Governor to answer the Agents after this manner :

" I am not authorized to give so large a quantity of land as 5000 acres to one man, and therefore could not justify myself in so doing ; but I am able and ready to grant 1000 acres to each person, belonging to the company of Fifty-five, actually resident in Nova Scotia, and no more." The Agents, by the instructions, could not accept of less than 5000 acres to each person ; they therefore refused the single 1000 acres, and wrote to their Associates in England that all hopes of doing any thing with Governor Parr were at an end ; at the same time requesting, in the warmest terms, that their case might be laid before the Ministry, as it was an object worth pursuing, and as the lands are the most fertile and eligible of any in the province.

The inferences naturally arising from this plain narrative of facts are,

1. The Fifty-five " most respectable characters" have deserted their suffering brethren, and some of them betrayed their trust, by accepting an agency for the whole, and clandestinely acting for a part.

2. They abused Sir Guy Carleton by their pompous but " humble opinion of their former great influence in his Majesty's American dominions," and thereby