
My LORD,

I Esteem my self highly honour'd in receiving your Lordship's commands by Mr. *J. B.* and would with the utmost chearfulness obey them so far as it is within the compass of my own Knowledge, since he has informed me that your curiosity leads you much into the study and knowledge of the Plantations, and that as their affairs at present were become the particular attention of the nation, I could not oblige your Lordship more than by giving a succinct account of the state of the province of *Nova-Scotia*, and if I could, to point out some method that would be conducive to revive the settlement.

I must confess my Lord that I am unequal as well as unfit for such a task ; tho' my long residence in that country and the post I sustained there, gave me an opportunity of knowing every material circumstance, yet the ungenerous treatment I met with after long and faithful services, I am afraid might influence me to be rather too bitter in speaking the truth which needs no exaggeration.