

It was contrived and intended to be a seasonable and comfortable provision for such of the army and navy as were disbanded at that time, and it was so feasible, that in a short time, near four thousand adventurers, with their families, were embarked with Colonel Cornwallis, whom the king had appointed governor, and landed in the harbour of Chebuctou, one of the most secure and commodious havens in the whole world, and well situated for the fishery. He was

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lately dismissed from the land and sea-services as were willing, with or without families to settle in the province of Nova Scotia : That the fee-simple, or perpetual property, of fifty acres of land should be granted to every private soldier or seaman, free from the payment of any quit rents or taxes for the term of ten years ; at the expiration of which, no person should pay more than one shilling per annum, for every fifty acres so granted : That, over and above these fifty, each person should receive a grant of ten acres, for every individual, including women and children, of which his family should consist ; and further grants should be made to them, as the number should encrease, and in proportion, as they should manifest their abilities in agriculture : That every officer, under the rank of ensign in the land-service, or lieutenant in the navy, should be gratified with fourscore acres on the same conditions : That two hundred acres should be bestowed upon ensigns, three hundred upon lieutenants, four hundred upon captains, and six hundred upon every officer above that degree, with proportionable considerations for the number and increase of every family : That the lands should be parcelled out, as soon as possible, after the arrival of the colonists, and a civil government established ; In consequence of which, they should enjoy all the liberties and privileges of British subjects, with proper security and protection : That the settlers, with their families, should be conveyed to Nova Scotia, and maintain'd for twelve months after their arrival, at the expence of the government, which would also supply them with arms and ammunition, as far as should be judged necessary for their defence, with proper materials and utensils for cleaning and cultivating their lands, erecting habitations, exercising the fishery, and such other purposes as should be judged necessary for their support.