

one, and which I herewith inclose you ; this will unfold to your Lordship the reason every one there is oblig'd to have a But ——— to his discourse.

Being a Stranger to the present inhabitants, for almost all the old ones are chang'd, of five thousand, there are scarce five hundred now in the place, and two thirds of them are new inhabitants, chiefly roman catholicks, I had no way left to collect particulars but by my own observations ; for this reason I insinuated my self into all companies, and from great diligence and careful remarks, I send you my Lord, this description, if it is a little droll tis because the subjects of it are so themselves.

The parliamentary grant my Lord, may be compared to a man who tosses a few guineas among a croud, there is great scrabbling, but the luck happens to those few who catch the guineas ; with this distinction that, that happens only by chance, this is distributed by direction ; thus you will see my Lord in *Halifax* three or four rich men, the rest are all beggars, who would if they dare call themselves freemen.

You would imagine my Lord, by the lofty behaviour of these three or four, that the ancient state of vassalage was in fashion there, and as their conduct is very singular, I beg your Lordship's patience while I attempt to give you some description of them.

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