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Our Governor and many other officers in Nova-Scotia, are still paid by the mother country. The salary of the King's Representative here does not depend upon the fluctuating feelings of those over whom he is sent to preside ; and remember, Sir, that the principal Officers of the Government in Canada, were equally independent of the House of Assembly there, when it made the offer to provide for them. The offer was unsought—was altogether voluntary—it was unclogged with any condition, and independent of those honorable feelings which induce highminded men rather to overstep than stop short of the full redemption of their pledge, common honesty—ordinary fair dealing, required that it should make no difference to them whether they were to be paid for their services from the British or the Canadian Treasury.

Should you ask, Sir, why I feel so confident that the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia would have pursued a more honorable path, under the same circumstances, than that which the Assembly of Lower Canada has followed, *te duce*—I answer, because that, as far as their SITUATION has been similar, their conduct has been different.

Until your offer to pay your Civil List was accepted, no Colony in North America paid so many of its public Officers as Nova Scotia. With the exception of the Chief Justice, the whole judicial establishment is borne by the Province. At an early period two Assistant Justices of the Supreme Court were appointed, and salaries voted annually for their support, but the country was soon convinced of the impropriety of making them thus dependent, and in the year 1789, when the Treasury of the Province was at its lowest ebb, the House of Assembly, without any application from the Executive Government, passed a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the better support of the " Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court," by which their