

the chief Proprietors, concerning the Conditions on which the Post of Director and Governor-General of their Company is to be offer'd to the Prince Stadtholder, were decided Yesterday in the Assembly of the States General, to the Satisfaction of the Proprietors, in Consequence of the Report of the Committee that was appointed to enquire into that Affair. The States of Holland gave their Consent last Friday to the extraordinary Taxes for the current Year, which are to be the same as were raised in 1748. The Prince Stadtholder is greatly mended in his Health; but her Royal Highness has had of late several Fits of the Ague. Count Bentheim, who was General of the Horse in this Service, and Colonel of the Horse Guards, died a few Days ago in an advanced Age.

St James's, March 16.

This Day the Sieur Wall, Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Spain, had a private Audience of his Majesty; to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bedford, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Charles Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, March 7, 1748-9.

A PROPOSAL having been presented unto His Majesty, for the Establishing a Civil Government in the Province of *Nova Scotia* in *North America*, as also for the better Peopling and Settling the said Province, and extending and improving the Fishery thereof, by granting Lands within the same, and giving other Encouragements to such of the Officers and Private Men lately dismissed His Majesty's Land and Sea Service, as shall be willing to settle in the said Province; And His Majesty having signified His Royal Approbation of the Purport of the said Proposals; The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations do, by His Majesty's Commands, give Notice, That proper Encouragement will be given to such of the Officers and Private Men lately dismissed His Majesty's Land and Sea Service, as are willing to accept of Grants of Land, and to settle with or without Families in the Province of *Nova Scotia*.

That Fifty Acres of Land will be granted in Fee Simple 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 whereof no Person to pay more than one Shilling per Annum for every fifty Acres so granted.

That a Grant of ten Acres, over and above the said fifty Acres, will be made to each Private Soldier or Seaman having a Family, for every Person, including Women and Children, of which his Family shall consist; and further Grants made to them on the like Conditions, as their Families shall increase, or in Proportion to their Abilities to cultivate the same.

That Eighty Acres, on like Conditions, will be granted to every Officer under the Rank of Ensign in the Land Service, and that of Lieutenant in the Sea Service, and to such as have Families, fifteen

Acres, over and above the said eighty Acres, for every Person, of which their Families shall consist.

That Two hundred Acres, on like Conditions, will be granted to every Ensign, Three hundred to every Lieutenant, Four hundred to every Captain, and Six hundred to every Officer above the Rank of Captain in the Land Service; as also the like Quantity of Four hundred Acres, and on the like Conditions, to every Lieutenant in the Sea Service, and Six hundred Acres to every Captain; and to such of the above-mentioned Officers as have Families a further Grant of Thirty Acres will be made over and above their respective Quotas for every Person of which their Families shall consist.

That the Lands will be parcelled out to the Settlers as soon as possible after their Arrival, and a Civil Government established, whereby they will enjoy all the Liberties, Privileges and Immunities enjoyed by His Majesty's Subjects in any other of the Colonies and Plantations in America under his Majesty's Government; and proper Measures will also be taken for their Security and Protection.

That all such as are willing to accept of the above Proposals, shall, with their Families, be subsisted during their Passage, as also for the Space of Twelve Months after their Arrival.

That they shall be furnished with Arms and Ammunition, as far as will be judged necessary for their Defence, with a proper Quantity of Materials and Utensils for Husbandry, clearing and cultivating their Lands, erecting Habitations, carrying on the Fishery, and such other Purposes as shall be necessary for their Support.

That all such Persons as are desirous of engaging in the above Settlement, do transmit by Letter, or personally give in their Names, signifying in what Regiment or Company, or on board what Ship they last served, and, if they have Families, what Number of Persons belonging to such Family they intend to carry with them, distinguishing the Age and Quality of each Person, to any of the following Officers appointed to receive and enter the same in Books open for that Purpose, viz.

John Pownall, Esq; Solicitor and Clerk of the Reports to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations at their Office at Whitehall.

John Ruffel, Esq; Commissioner of His Majesty's Navy at Portsmouth.

Philip Vanbrugh, Esq; Commissioner of His Majesty's Navy at Plymouth.

That proper Notice will be given of the said Books being closed so soon as the intended Number shall be compleated, or at latest on the 7th of April.

It is proposed, that the Transports shall be ready to receive such Persons on board on the 10th of April, and be ready to sail on the 20th, and that timely Notice will be given of the Place or Places, to which such Persons are to repair in order to embark.

That for the Benefit of the Settlement, the same Conditions which are proposed to Private Soldiers or Seamen, shall likewise be granted to Carpenters, Shipwrights, Smiths, Masons, Joiners, Brickmakers, Bricklayers, and all other Artificers necessary in Building or Husbandry, not being Private Soldiers or Seamen.

That the same Conditions as are proposed to those who have served in the Capacity of Ensign, shall extend to all Surgeons, whether they have been in

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