

ishing Settlements are so well entitled, as industrious Inhabitants, honest Men, and good Subjects. But which, allow me to assure you, Gentlemen, it shall be my future Endeavour, as it ever has been my past Wishes, to extend to your Town and County every other Benefit and Advantage of this his Majesty's Government which can be done with Justice to the general Welfare and Prosperity of this Island.

EDM. FANNING.

Charlotte Town, 28th Nov. 1791.

To his Excellency EDMUND FANNING, LL.D. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Island of Saint John, and the Territories adjacent therunto, in America, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the INHABITANTS of the several Settlements of Hillsborough River, Bedford Bay, Savage Harbour, and Saint Peters, beg Leave to express to your Excellency our extreme Regret at Hearing certain Complaints to have been exhibited against you, and three other Officers, to his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, injuriously representing your Excellency's Administration to have been factious and arbitrary, and those other Gentlemen to have so grossly misbehaved in their respective Offices, as to bring his Majesty's Government in this Island into popular Hatred and Contempt, and particularly stating that the Administration of Justice, since the Restoration of the Chief Justice from his late Suspension, has been partial, and made subservient to the Views and Hopes of this pretended Faction of your Excellency; and that great Dissatisfaction prevails through the Island, from the arbitrary and oppressive Proceedings of the Officers of Government.

On being made acquainted with so unexpected an Occurrence, we should do much Injustice to our own Feelings, and withhold from your Excellency that Tribute of Gratitude we owe you, if we omitted the Opportunity we now have of contradicting those base and injurious Assertions, assuring your Excellency, that a general Satisfaction pervades the Island with

your Excellency's Administration, and entire Approbation of the Conduct of the other Gentlemen complained of. The fair and impartial Administration of the Law, since the Restoration of the Chief Justice, we particularly mark as a Circumstance highly flattering to our future Expectations.

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| Ronald M'Donald | Roderick M'Kinnon |
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| Donald Grant | Angus M'Kinnon |
| John M'Kinnon | Hugh Gillies |
| Peter Gillies | Martin M'Gillivra |
| John M'Gillivra | Donald Gillies |
| Donald Gillies | William Gillies |
| Duncan Gillies | Alexander M'Donald |
| Alexander M'Millan | Donald M'Millan |
| John M'Millan | Hugh Morrison |
| Murdoch M'Kay | Alexander M'Donald |
| Donald M'Cormack | Charles M'Donald |
| Angus M'Donald | John M'Donald |
| Neil M'Phee | John M'Phee |
| Archibald M'Phee | Donald M'Phee |
| Donald M'Donald | Donald M'Gra |
| John Frazer | Alex. M'Eachran |
| Lawrence Barret | William Baker |
| William Campbell | Ronald M'Donald |
| John M'Donald | Neil M'Donald |
| John M'Caskel | Gallian M'Kinnis |
| John M'Kinnis | Angus Campbell |
| Allen M'Donald | Malcolm M'Kindrick |
| Hugh M'Eachran | John M'Eachran |
| John M'Eachran | Allan M'Dugald |
| Robert M'Kinnis | Angus M'Donald |
| Archibald M'Donald | Angus M'Donald |
| Donald M'Donald | Angus M'Phee |
| Edward Willare | Lauchlin M'Dugald |
| Duncan M'Dugald | Hugh M'Dugald |
| Angus M'Kinnis | Allen M'Kinnon |
| Alexander M'Kinnon | John M'Kinnon |
| Neil M'Kinnon | Alexander Curry |
| Duncan Curry | Allan M'Donald |
| John M'Donald | Alexander M'Donald |
| Angus M'Donald | Alexander M'Donald |
| Donald M'Varish | Alexander M'Donald |
| John M'Millan | John M'Pherson |
| John M'Intire | John Camming |
| Angus M'Cormick | Charles M'Kinnon |
| Angus M'Donald | Roderick M'Intosh |
| Hugh M'Nab | John Cameron |
| Angus M'Donald | John M'Donald |
| Donald M'Donald | Hugh M'Gillivray |
| Angus M'Gillivray | Donald M'Eachran |
| John M'Gillivray | John M'Intosh |
| Donald M'Intosh | John M'Donald |
| Lauchlin M'Donald | Donald M'Gillivray |
| John M'Donald | Alexander M'Donald |
| Allan M'Donald | John M'Donald |
| Donald M'Donald | Ronald M'Donald |
| James M'Donald | Ronald M'Donald |
| Barny M'Crossen | John M'Adam |
| Adam M'Adam | Donald M'Adam |
| Alexander M'Adam | John M'Gillivray |
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| Lodovick M'Donald | Hugh M'Donald |
| Angus M'Eachran | Donald M'Eachran |
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| Allan M'Donald | Angus M'Donald |
| Roderick M'Donald | Donald M'Donald |
| Lauchlin M'Donald | Hugh M'Donald |
| John M'Lellan | James M'Intire |
| Donald M'Intire | Donald M'Lellan |

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I RETURN you my sincere and grateful Acknowledgments for your very obliging Address.

His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the numerous Inhabitants of the flourishing Settlements of Hillsborough River, Bedford Bay, Savage Harbour, and Saint Peters, have ever stood high in my Opinion and Esteem. And permit me, Gentlemen, to assure you that this Display of your Candour, in thus publicly asserting the general Satisfaction of the Country, and your own particular Approbation of the Measures of Government, and the Administration of Justice in his Majesty's Courts of Law, in this Island, as well as your entire Approbation of the Conduct of the Officers complained of, is no less acceptable to me than it is honourable to yourselves, and consistent with your own Characters as honest independent Men; and as the Friends to Truth, and Lovers of Justice.

This Address, Gentlemen, is the more pleasing to me, and, I presume, must be so to the Gentlemen in whose Favour you bear such honourable Testimony, that it has been presented at this late Period, after every practicable Effort has been made by the Enemies to the Interest, Prosperity, and public Harmony of this Island, to inflame the Minds of the People, and to bias the Opinion of the Public against myself, the Measures of Government, and the Administration of Justice, which you have had the Courage and the public Virtue to declare your entire Approbation of, in Contradiction to the base and injurious Assertions of those few factious Individuals, who might be better employed in attending to their own Business, than by endeavouring to excite that Discontent, and spread that Dissatisfaction, among the Inhabitants, which it is now abundantly evident, by your Address, and other Addresses from all Parts of the Island, they have been unable to effect.

EDMUND FANNING.

Charlotte Town, 30th Dec. 1791.