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to Go home to their Families, and that as some of their Men were absent they would be obliged to Bring them in. I informed them I would Consider of their Motions and reporte.

And Immediately Convened my officers, to advise, who with Me all agreed that it would be well that they them Selves Should Chuse Twenty of their Number for whome they would be answerable vizt Ten of the Inhabitants of Grand Pré & Village & other Ten of the River Cannard and Habitant and they to acquaint the Families of their Districts how Maters where and to assure them that the women & children should be in Safety in their absence in their Habitations and that it was Expected the Party Indulged Should take Care to Bring in an Exact Account of their absent Bretheren & their Circumstances on the Morrow.

Capt. A. Murray to Col. John Winslow :

FORTE EDWARD, 5th September, 1755.

Dear Sir,—I have Succeeded Finely and have Got 183 Men into my Possession. I Believe there are but very fue Left Excepting ye Sick I am hopefull you have had Equal Good Luck. I should be Glad you would Send me Transportes as soon as Posable for you Know our Forte is but Small.

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P.S.—I have Sent Pierre (a) LeBlancs Son to you to Go with his Father as you have Taken him under your Protection. at the nearest Computation it will Requier 360 Tun Shipping. Davis (b) thinks that Computation too Small therefore I belive 400 Tuns will be Better.

Since I wrote the above one or Two is Come in.

Col. John Winslow to Capt. Alex Murray :

GRAND PRÉ, September 5th, 1755.

Dear Sir.—I have the Favor of yours of this Day and Rejoyce at your Success and also for the Smiles that has attended ye Party hear. The Number of Men I have now in Custody I Cant think Falls Much Shorte of 500 Men. I began to take the List but Night put me of. I have permitted 20 men (for whom the rest is responsible) to Give Intelligence to their Familys and they all Say ye whole will come in.

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as to Transportes Shall Send you as they Come would Embarke the People here had I Provisions &c to Ship them. Why Mr. Saul is not here nor my Boat returned from Chignecto I Cant tel. Things are Now Very heavy on my harte and hands, wish we had more men, but as it is Shall I Question not be able to Skuffell Throh.

Sept. 5. The French People not having any Provisions with them and Pleading Hunger Begd for Bread on which I Ddd them and ordered that for the Future they be Supplyd from their respective Familys. Thus Ended the Memorable fifth of September, a Day of great Fatigue & Troble.

Col. John Winslow to Capt. Alexander Murray.

GRAND PRÉ, September 7th 1755.

DEAR SIR,—having Letters from Annapolis to Forward to your Self and to Hallifax take this oppertunity pr Mr. Denier and to Let You Know that things are as well as we Could Exspect, and the People as Easay as I Should be where I in their Case. I have Permitted the Millers to attend their usual Duty and 10 of the river Canard &c. & Ten of Grand Pré at a Time to Provide for the rest, and had Come in the First Day 418 if their List is right which I am Now a Proving 34 Heads of Familys Sick, and this Day have had Six Fresh hands Come in and on the whole belive there is very Few Intend an Escape. I Shall Send a Party this afternoon with Lievt. Handfield who

(a) Sic for *Père*, meaning *René*, the Notary.

(b) Jonathin Davis, captain of the Schooner *Neptune*, lately arrived from Boston.