

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

Col. Winslow to William Shirley, Governor of the Province Massachusetts Bay.

FROM MY CAMP AT GRAND PRÉ, NOVA SCOTIA, AUGUST 22ND, 1755.

May it Please your Excellency,—

I Embarqued on the 16th at Chignecto, on the 16th Instant with 313 men, officers Included, having with me Capts. Adams, Hobbs & Osgood in three Vessels bound for Forte Edward, at Piziquid, where we the next Day arrived, and I Found there a memorandum Sent by Col. Lawrance, which Directed me to take up my Quarters at Mines, whereupon on the next tide I came Down that River and Entered into the River Gaspereau, where we Landed. have taken up my Quarters between the Church & Chapel yard, having the Prest House for my own accomodation and the Church for a Place of Arms, am Picquetting in my Camp to Prevent a Supprise. Expect to be Joyned with 200 men more Soon (a), as to the Inhabitants Commonly Cald the Nutrals at Chignecto, the Pointe Seams to be Settled with them and they are to be removed, have Prisoners in Forte Lawrance & Fort Cumberland, upwards of 400 men of their Principals. The women & children are Suffered to Leive in their Housses and the Inhabitants throh out the Provinces it is Suposed will Suffer the Same Fate, althoh not Equally Guilty of open Violence as those of Chignecto and Bay of Verte * * *

Col. Winslow to William Coffin, Junr. Merchant in Boston

FROM MY CAMP AT GRAND PRÉ MINES, AUGT. 22ND, 1755

DR SIR—

I am now in Possession of your old ground at Mines have Incampt here having the Church on my right of which I have made a Place of Arms. the Church yard on my Left. have 313 men officers Included and Expect to bee soon reinforced. am Picquetting in my Incampment to Prevent a Supprise then which a Soldier has noth more to Fear. * * *

August 28th—This Day Finished the Picquetting & began the owen to Clear our Selves of one of the Egiptian Plagues.
HALLIFAX, 11th August
1755 —

[Seal.]

INSTRUCTIONS for Lieutenant Colonel Winslow, Commanding His Majestyes Troops att Mines, Or in His Absence, for Captain Alexr. Murray Commanding His Majestyes Troops Piziquid, in Relation to the Transportation of the Inhabitants of the Districts of Mines—Piziquid River of Canard, Cobequid, &c., Out of the Province of—
Nova Scotia.

SIR,—Having in my Letter of the 31st July Last Acquainted Captain Murray with the Reasons which Induced His Majesty's Council to Come to the Resolution of Sending Away the French Inhabitants and Clearing the Whole Country of Such Bad Subjects (which Letter he will Communicate to you, together with the Instructions I have Since that Sent Him)—it Only Remains for Me to Give You the Necessary Orders and Instructions for Putting in Practice What has Ben so Solemly Determined: That the Inhabitants May Not have it in their Power to Return to this Province, Nor to Join in Strengthening the French of Canada or Looisbourg; it is Resolved that they shall be Dispersed Among His Majestyes Colonies Upon the Continent of America.

For this purpose Transports are Sent Up the Bay to Ship of those at Chignecto, and Colonel Monckton will Order those he Cannot fill their unto Mines Bason to Carry

(a) On the 6th of September he was joined with a Detachment of 56 men from his own Battalion, who were absent on Command with Capts Willard and Malcolm when he left Beauséjour.