

by the capitulation, the inhabitants without the Banlieue were to be * Neutrals, they continued their hostilities; hostilities continuing, the French missionary priest, and five of the principal inhabitants upon the river of Annapolis, were seized and kept as hostages, for the inhabitants future good behaviour; even notwithstanding of this precaution, capt. Pigeon with 60 men being sent up the river for timber to repair the fort, they were way-laid by the French and their Indians, this party were all killed or made captives.—Many other hostilities were committed.

After the peace of Utrecht, a continued tranquillity till the war between New-England and their eastern Indians; the French missionaries persuaded the Indians, that the English had encroached upon their lands. Anno 1721, in June, capt. Blin a Nova Scotia trader, Mr. Newton collector of Nova Scotia, and others, were captivated by the Indians at Pasamaquady, but were soon released, because gov. Doucet of Annapolis had made a reprisal of 22 Indians. Along Cape-Sable shore the Indians began to insult our fishing vessels: in July these Indians take several fishing vessels on the Cape-Sable coast, kill and captivate many of their men; governor Philips at Canso fits out two armed sloops, they kill and captivate many Indians, and put an end to the Indian sea-roving, anno 1724. Anno 1723, July 15, the Indians at Canso upon Durrel's island kill capt. Watkins, two more men, one woman and one child. Anno 1724, in July, a party of Indians attack Annapolis of Nova Scotia, they burn two houses, and kill one serjeant, and one private

* At present it seems an impropriety in the officers of the troops and garrison of Annapolis, and in the neighbouring governments of New England, to call the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia, NEUTRALS, because, 1. These French inhabitants with their Indians continued our enemies, and in fact did kill and captivate many British people, in breach of this neutrality. 2. By the treaty of Utrecht, the whole province of Nova Scotia or L'Acadie, was absolutely ceded to Great Britain. 3. The principal men of the French inhabitants have taken the oaths of allegiance to the crown of Great Britain.

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