

over for two special Reasons to oblige them to enlist into the Regulars and to defeat General Shirley in raising a sufficient number of Troops necessary for the Summers Campaign by which means Oswego was lost and the Expedition to Crown Point was rendered abortive We appeal to Gen<sup>l</sup> Shirley for the Truth of this.

That the Cattle &c of the french Inhabitants were converted to private uses of which we know 3,600 Hogs & near 1,000 Head of Cattle was killd & packt at Pisgate only & sent by water to other Places & what at other Forts is yet a secret All unaccounted for to the Amount of a very large sum & he & his Commissary are now under Great perplexity & contriving to cover this iniquitous Fraud.

That £30,000 has been laid out on Batteries not worth 30 pence for the Defence of this Place in the Judgment of every Person acquainted therewith.

It is possible he may produce Vouchers to Cover all his Frauds for if the true ones should fall short he has those under him who have been used to such kind of work & can readily supply the deficiency but if a Governor was sent out with Orders to inquire into these or at least to take Depositions we are very sure the whole will be Clearly made to appear.

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 XXIV

EXTRACTS FROM A DESPATCH TO JUDGE BELCHER ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA DATED WHITEHALL MARCH 3<sup>d</sup> 1761.<sup>1</sup>

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W. SLOPER

"It has been represented to Us that Gov<sup>r</sup> Lawrence had encouraged & protected the disorderly part of the military under his Gov<sup>t</sup>, in several outrages on the property, persons, and even the lives of the inhabitants; Sometimes by assuming illegal powers; and at others by abusing those which were lawfully vested in him for better purposes; by frequently interrupting the free course of Justice, in discharging while under prosecution, and in enlarging after conviction, soldiers and officers guilty of destroying fences, violent assaults, & many other far greater enormities."...

"Several very heavy Charges have likewise been made against Gov<sup>r</sup> Lawrence with respect to the Contracts which were entered into both on account of the Provisions distributed to the Weak Settlements of the Colony, and the Vessels which have so long been kept upon the establishment, for the service of the Province."

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EXTRACT FROM DR BROWN'S MS. RELATING TO LAWRENCE'S ABUSES.<sup>2</sup>

"With New England malice — this exclamation follows.

"How wicked must those men be, who thus de<sup>e</sup> their country & by that means expose his Majesty's Colony & subj<sup>t</sup> to the weakest efforts of Louisbourg or Canada. Such persons no doubt would be glad to see this important Colony annexed to the Crown of France that they might never be called to acc<sup>t</sup> for their Abuse of the trust reposed in them & their misapplication of the Nations money."

<sup>1</sup> *British Museum.* — Add. MSS., vol. 19073, fol. 71.

<sup>2</sup> *British Museum.* — Papers of Dr. Andrew Brown designed for a History of Nova Scotia. — Add. MSS., vol. 19075, fol. 89.