

*Annapolis* River, and encamped within one Mile and an half of the Fort.

The *Massachusetts* Governor, upon receiving Intelligence from Mr. *Mascarene* of Mr. *De Ramfay's* Motions, determined to send 1500 of the *Massachusetts* Troops to *Annapolis Royal*, to prevent the Execution of his Designs, the Remainder of them being then destined to make an Attempt against the *French* Fort at *Crown Point*, in Conjunction with those of *New-York* and the Southern Governments; and ordered 600 of them to be forthwith embarked; Admiral *Warren*, who was then at *Boston*, ordered at the same time his Majesty's Ship *Chester* from thence to reinforce the Ships in *Annapolis* Harbour: The *Chester* arrived in a few Days at *Annapolis*, and 400 of the *New-England* Forces soon after.

About the same time Mr. *Conflans* arrived before *Chebucto* (now *Halifax*) with four capital Ships from *Cape Francois* under Orders to join Duke *D'Anville*; but after cruizing there some Days without hearing any thing of his Squadron, and imagining that the Destination of it was altered, quitted the Coast: Notice of the Appearance of these Ships was soon brought to *Boston* by Fishermen off those Banks; but as they disappeared so soon, the Alarm, they occasion'd, lasted not long.

Some Days after the Departure of Mr. *Conflans*, Duke *D'Anville* arrived in *Chebucto* Harbour with a few Ships, after a tempestuous  
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