

1754. with such a Part of his *Majesty's Regular Forces* in *Nova Scotia* as could be spared for that Service ; and to furnish 12 Pieces of battering Cannon, military Stores, &c. necessary for carrying on such an Enterprize, Mr. *Shirley* took that Part upon him ; and in order to facilitate the raising of the Men, as well as to make a Saving to the Crown, they were inlisted under his own Command, as Colonel of the Regiment.*

Dec. 1. Mr. *Shirley* received his *Majesty's* Orders for raising a Regiment of Foot in *North America* consisting of 1000 Men, to be commanded by himself.

Dec. 8. He informed Sir *Thomas Robinson*, that he should proceed to raise 2000 Men for the Service of *Nova Scotia*, and made all necessary Preparations for carrying the proposed Expedition into Execution ; and as good small Arms were not to be procured in the *Colonies*, he acquainted him that it was absolutely necessary, that 2000 Stands should be sent from *England* in Time to arrive at *Boston* early in *April*.

* The 1st Battalion was commanded by Captain *John Winslow*, late of his *Majesty's* 40th Regiment, an old experienced Officer, particularly in the *American* Service, to whom Mr. *Shirley* gave a *provincial* Commission of Lieutenant Colonel upon this Occasion ; the Second by Captain *George Scott* of his *Majesty's* 40th Regiment, whose Qualifications for this Command in every Respect Mr. *Shirley* was acquainted with from a perfect Knowledge of his Services in *Nova Scotia* ; to whom Mr. *Shirley* likewise upon this especial Occasion gave a *provincial* Commission of Lieutenant Colonel.

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