

French governor Subercasse capitulated, and October 5, the fort was delivered up, and col. Vetch according to instructions becomes governor. The terms of capitulation were, that all the French, being 481 persons within the Banlieu, or three miles of the fort, shall be under the protection of Great Britain, upon their taking the proper oaths of allegiance; the other French settlers were left to discretion, that in case the French make incursions upon the frontiers of New England, the British shall make reprisals upon the French in Nova Scotia, by making some of their chief inhabitants slaves to our Indians; yet notwithstanding, the French of L'Accadie commit hostilities, but the Port-Royal and Cape Sable Indians desire terms of amity and alliance; the garrison allowed to march out with six cannon and two mortars, afterwards bought by Nicholson for 7499 livres 10 sols: the garrison consisted of 258 soldiers with their officers, and other inhabitants, in all 481 persons male and female, were shipped to Rochelle in France; general Nicholson sent major Livingston, and M. Subercasse sent baron St. Caesteen to the marq. De Veaudril general of Canada, to acquaint him with this event; they arrived at Quebec, Dec. 16. The men of war and transports sail for Boston, Oct. 14, leaving a garrison in Port-Royal, now called Annapolis Royal, of 200 marines and 250 New England volunteers; they were relieved next year by 400 of the troops destined for Canada. The New England charge in this expedition was upwards of 23,000 l. st. reimbursed by parliament.

The French governor's commission was in these words; Daniel Auger de Subercasse, knight of St. Louis, governor of L'Accadie, of Cape Breton islands and lands adjacent from cape Rozier, of the great river St. Laurence as far as the east parts of Quenebec river.

Here it is not improper to annex the following digression.

*A Digression concerning some late British expeditions against Canada.*

Anno 1690 the New Englanders having reduced Port-Royal, and all the rest of Nova Scotia or L'Accadie,