

ment and their homes from the occasional forays of French and Indian raiders. Governor Cornwallis landed on 21st June, 1749; and it may be of interest to note how comprehensive—almost despotic in fact—were his instructions from the British government as to the formation of a militia for the new province. Clause 24 of the King's Commission to him reads

"And we do hereby give and grant unto you the said Edward Cornwallis, by yourself or by your Captains and Commanders "by yourself to be authorized, full power and authority to levy, "arm, muster, command and employ all persons whatsoever residing within our said Province, and as occasion shall serve to "march from one place to another, or to embark them for the "resisting and withstanding of all enemies, pirates and rebels, "both at land and sea, and to transport such forces to any of our "Plantations in America, if necessity shall require for the defence of the same against the invasion or attempt of any of our "enemies, and such enemies, pirates and rebels, if there shall be "occasion to pursue and prosecute in or out of the limits of our "said Province and Plantation, or any of them, and if it shall so "please God, to vanquish and apprehend and take them, and being taken according to law, to put to death or keep and preserve them alive at your discretion, and to execute martial "law at time of invasion, or other times when by law it may be "executed, and to do and execute all and every other thing, or "things, which our Captain General and Governor-in-Chief "doth or ought to belong."

As soon as the plan of the town had been completed, and the building lots marked out and assigned to the settlers, the paramount question of defence came up, and fortifications (necessarily of a more or less rough and tentative nature) were begun. The garrison of regular troops was woefully small, consisting only of one company each of Hopson's (the 29th) regiment, and Warburton's (the 45th); this little force was supplemented by a body of about 60 Indian Rangers under command of Capt. Goreham, recruited in the New England colonies. The Indians who infested the outskirts of the