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*Sept. 3rd*—This Day had a Consultation with the Captains the Result of which was that I Should Give out my Citation to the Inhabitants to morrow Morning.

*1755, September the 4th*—This Morning Sent for Doctor Rodion and Delivd him a Citation to the Inhabitants with a Strict Charge to See it Executed, which he Promist Should be Faithfully Done.

*September 5th*—Att Three in the afternoon The French Inhabitants appeared agreable to their Citation at the Church in Grand Pré amounting To 418 of Their Best Men upon which I ordered a Table to be Sett in the Center of the Church and being attended with those of my officers who were off Gaurd Delivered them by Interpreters the King's orders In the Following words :

GENTLEMEN,—I have Received from his Excellency Governor Lawrance, The Kings Commission which I have in my hand and by whose orders you are Convened together to Manifest to you his Majesty's Final resolution to the French Inhabitants of this his Province of Nova Scotia, who for almost half a Century have had more Indulgence Granted them, then any of his Subjects in any part of his Dominions. what use you have made of them, you your Self Best Know.

The Part of Duty I am now upon is what thoh Necessary is Very Disagreable to my Natural make & Temper as I Know it Must be Greivous to you who are of the Same Specia.

But it is not my Business to annimedvert, but to obey Such orders as I receive and therefore without Hessitation Shall Deliver you his Majesty's orders and Instructions vizt.

That your Lands & Tennements, Cattle of all Kings and Live Stock of all Sortes are Forfitted to the Crown with all other your Effects Saving your Money and Household Goods and you your Selves to be removed from this his Province.

This it is Preremtorily his Majesty's orders That the whole French Inhabitants of these Districts, be removed, and I am Throh his Majesty's Goodness Directed to allow you Liberty to Carry of your money and Household Goods as Many as you Can without Discomemoading the Vessels you Go in. I shall do Every thing in my Power that all Those Goods be Secured to you and that you are Not Molested in Carrying of them of and also that whole Familys Shall go in the Same Vessel, and make this remove which I am Sensable must give you a great Deal of Trouble as Easy as his Majesty's Service will admit and hope that in what Ever part of the world you may Fall you may be Faithful Subjects, a Peasable & happy People.

I Must also inform you That it is his Majesty's Pleasure that you remain in Security under the Inspection & Direction of the Troops that I have the Honr. to Command. and then declared them the Kings Prisoner's.

And Gave out the following Declaration.

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GRAND PRÉ, September 5sh, 1755.

all officers and Soldiers and Sea Men Employed in his Majesty's Service as well as all his Subjects of what Denomination Soever, are hereby Notified That all Cattle vizt. Horsses, Horne Cattle, Sheep, goats, Hoggs and Poultry of Every Kinde, that was this Day Soposed to be Vested in the French Inhabitants of this Province are become Forfeited to his Majesty whose Property they now are and Every Person of what Denomination Soever is to take Care not to Hurt, Kill or Destroy anything of any Kinde nor Rob Orchards or Gardens or to make waste of anything Dead or alive in these Districts without Special order. Given at my Camp the Day and Place abovesd.

JOHN WINSLOW.

To be Published Throthout the Camp and at Villages where the Vessels lye.

After Delivering These Things I returned to my Quarters and they the French Inhabitants Soon Moved by their Elders that it was a Great Grief to them that they had Incurred his Majty's Displeasure and that they were Fearfull that the Surprise of their Detention here would Quite over Come their Familys whome they had No Means to apprise of these their Maloncolly Circumstances and Prayd that parte of them might be returned as Hostages for the appearance of the rest and the Biger number admitted