

of the Inhabitants, who informed him that the *Canadians* apprehending that another Descent might be made upon them from *Annapolis* by a fresh Party of Troops, and not thinking themselves safe at *Minas*, had abandon'd it and marched back to *Schignegeto*; which the Officer upon entering the Body of the Town found true; and after taking Possession of the District by erecting the *English* Standard upon the Guard-House, &c. and seizing such of the Deputies and Inhabitants, as he thought most proper to carry to *Annapolis Royal*, returned thither.

Soon after this, Mr. *De Ramsay* evacuated the Province of all his Troops, and returned with them to *Canada*; and the Province, being thus cleared of the *Canadians*, remained quiet from any Attempts of the *French*, during the Remainder of the War.

In *September* 1747, the Governor of the *Massachusetts Bay* received his Majesty's Orders, signifying his royal Approbation of the Preparations, he had made for the intended Expedition against *Canada*, and directing him in Conjunction with *Admiral Knowles*, then Governor of *Cape Breton*, to disband the *American* Troops rais'd for that Service, retaining such a Number of them as they should judge necessary for the Protection of *Nova Scotia*; to collect and liquidate the Accounts of the Expence incurred by the several Governments