

Culon, and La Corne, three captains of marines, and chevaliers or knights of the order of St. Louis. Towards the end of September, De Ramsay comes before Annapolis, made no assault, but encamped at some distance; the Chester man of war of 50 guns, the Shirley frigate of 20 guns, and the Ordnance schooner, at that time were in the basin of Annapolis; three companies of reinforcements for the garrison from Boston were arrived, and De Ramsay having had advice of the French fleet being returned to France, made the French decamp October 22, and return to Minas.

His design was to quarter at Minas and Chiconioto, during the winter, and to join the French fleet and land-forces which were expected to reduce Annapolis, in the summer; governor Mascarene of Annapolis, judged that in addition to the three companies of volontiers which arrived from Boston in autumn, 1000 men of reinforcements from New England, might be sufficient to dislodge the French enemy, and to consume (by purchase) all the French inhabitants provisions produced there, in time coming to prevent the subsistence of the enemy, who might lodge there and corrupt the inhabitants; and British forces being quartered among them, might influence them to continue in their allegiance to the crown of Great Britain: Massachusetts-Bay assembly vote 500 men to be sent, Rhode Island 300 men, and New Hampshire 200 men; the Rhode Island men were shipwrecked near Martha's Vineyard, those from New Hampshire set out, but put back upon some trifling excuse, and never proceeded, the 500 men from Boston only arrived; the disappointment of the Rhode Island and New Hampshire men was the reason of our subsequent disaster at Minas.

Our first parcel under capt. Morris arrived at Minas, Dec. 12; when all were arrived they did not exceed 470 men besides officers; water-carriage in the winter-season being impracticable, they marched by land 30 leagues, with much hardship, in eight days; every man set out with 14 days provision upon his back; the main body

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