

the *Ohio*, it may not be improper to give some Account of the new Colony sent to *Nova Scotia* in 1749.

The whole Compass of *Nova Scotia* was ceded to *Great Britain* by the Treaty of *Utrecht*; in Consequence of which we garrison'd *Annapolis* and *Canto*, the Fortresses that were then in the Country, and kept Possession of them ever since; but never sent a regular Colony to plant and inhabit it till the Year 1749: When it being represented to his Majesty, that the Country was naturally fertile, and capable of very great Improvements; and it being at a Time when a great Number of Officers and Soldiers were at a Loss to know how to get their Bread, being lately disbanded upon the Conclusion of the Peace; it was judged proper to give Permission to such, and to as many other poor, honest, and industrious People as desired it, to transplant themselves to *Nova Scotia* at the Expence of the Government. Accordingly Transports were prepared, on which three thousand Families embarked, with their Governor Col. *Cornwallis*, and safely arrived there the 28th of *June*, 1749. The following Letter from one of the Settlers, dated *Chebueto* Harbour, *July* 28, 1749, gives an Account of their Passage, and a good Description of the Country, well deserving the Reader's Perusal.

On the 28th of *June*, after a short and pleasant Passage of between five and six Weeks, we arrived here. I have not heard that any one Person died in the Passage, or since our Arrival; on the contrary, many that were sick at our Departure from *Portsmouth*, are perfectly recovered. We have already baptized ten or twelve Children; and about as many Women are ready to lie-in.

Our Health and Preservation have been in a great Measure, under Almighty God, owing to the prudent Measures taken by those who had the Direction of this good Work, in having Ventulators and Air-pipes in all the Ships, and furnishing Rice and fresh Provisions for the Use of the Sick as well as the lying-in Women and young Children. Examples which I hope will be followed in all future Embarkations.

On our Arrival, we found the *Sphinx*, of twenty Guns, which had come into Harbour a few Days before us, having his Excellency, Col. *Cornwallis*, our Governor, on Board; who being informed of the Arrival of the
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