

CHAPTER II.

In the month of August, 1750, three hundred and fifty settlers arrived, in the ship *Alderney*; and in September following, three hundred German Protestants, from the Palitinate, in the ship *Ann*. The local authorities were embarrassed in providing for their support, and found it necessary to enter into pecuniary arrangements with the merchants of the town, who, at this early period, had formed themselves into an association for the benefit of trade. Those who came in the ship *Alderney* were sent to the opposite side of the harbour, and commenced the town of Dartmouth, which was laid out in the autumn of that year. In December following, the first ferry was established, and John Connor appointed ferryman by order in Council.

In the following year the Indians surprised the little village at night, scalped a number of settlers and carried off several prisoners. The inhabitants, fearing an attack, had cut down the spruce trees around their settlement, which, instead of a protection, as was intended, served as a cover for the enemy. Captain Clapham and his company