

I am sensible some have endeavour'd to depreciate these Conquests, as gain'd over a rude barbarous People unexercis'd to Arms ; which if granted, still it can't be said, that *the Defence of the Inhabitants was neglected* ; and therefore the Charter Governments can fall under no Censure, if they should be thought to have merited no Praise. But if it be consider'd, that the *New-England* Forces contended with Enemies bloody in their Nature and superiour in Number ; that they attack'd them in deep Morasses, defended with Fortifications sufficiently strong, tho' not regular ; and that the Assailants were not provided with Cannon, nor could approach by Trenches, but advanc'd on level Ground : And if to this be added the vast Fatigues of their Campaigns, where Officers and Soldiers lay on the Snow without any Shelter over their Heads in the most rigorous Winters ; I say, if a just Consideration be had of these Things, Envy it self must acknowledge that their Enterprizes were hardy, and their Successes glorious. And tho' the brave Commanders who led on these Troops, and most of them died in the Bed of Honour, must not shine in the *British* Annals, yet their Memory ought to be sacred in their own Country, and there at least be transmitted to the latest Posterity:

THE inland Parts being now at rest, the War was remov'd to the Frontiers, which were cruelly harass'd by other *Indian Tribes*, animated and assisted by the *French* of *Canada*, who have given the *Massachusetts* but few Intervals of Peace, and those very short ones from that Time to this Day. All this while THAT Government was never wanting to protect the King's Subjects within their Jurisdiction, even to the remotest Parts of it. They kept Troops on foot, no less than Six or Seven Hundred at a Time, to cover the Barrier Line, and built Forts wherever they were necessary ; one of them nam'd *William Henry*, but commonly call'd *Pemaquid* Fort, because built on a River of that Name, was in the Heart of the Enemy's Country, and deserves a particular Description. It was built of Stone in a quadrangular Figure, 737 Foot in Circumference, without the outer Wall, and 108 Foot square within the inner ones. It had 28 Ports, and 18 Guns mounted, 6 being 18 Pounders. The Wall on the South Line fronting to the Sea was 22 Foot high, and above 6 Foot thick at the Ports, which were 8 Foot from the Ground.