

Reduction of this Fort before the *English* Fleet had entered the River *St. Lawrence* was not a material Variation from the general Plan formed in *England*, and would redeem Time for carrying on the Siege of *Montreal*; the Governor of the *Massachusetts Bay* proposed to Admiral *Warren*, who was joined with him and General *St. Clair* to settle the Plan of Operations for the general Expedition, to employ in present a sufficient Part of the Colony Troops, as well those of *New England* as of the Southern Provinces, in an Attempt against the Fort at *Crown Point*; which was accordingly agreed upon, and the necessary Dispositions concerted between them, and the Governor of *New York*, who then had the chief Command of the Southern Troops, and was hearty for the Enterprize.

In *August* 1746 Mr. *De Ramsay* entered *Minas* with a Body of 1700 *Canadeans* and *Indians* with Design, as was then apprehended, to work upon the *Acadians* to take up Arms against the *English*, and in case he could not effect it that Year, to winter there, and prepare them for it against the ensuing Spring: But it afterwards appeared, that his principal View was to be ready to join in an Attack upon the Fort at *Annapolis Royal*, as soon as the Armament fitted out from *Brest* the same Year under the Command of Duke *D' Anville* for the Reduction of *Nova Scotia* should arrive in the Bay of *Funda*; in expectation of which he proceeded to the District of

*Annapolis*