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thing they had occasion for. The colonel intended next to have gone to reduce the French fort at the mouth of the river St. John; but the French saved him the trouble, by abandoning the place, after demolishing, as far as they had time, all the works they had raised there. In this whole expedition we had but about 20 men killed and as many wounded. Thus was a solid tranquility given to Nova Scotia; the dispute concerning which had been one of the first points of difference; and was the country where hostilities had been first committed.

The third object was an expedition to Crown Point, entrusted to the care of general Johnson, now Sir William Johnson. A considerable body of troops were raised by the northern provinces, and with them he set out on his enterprize. About the latter end of August he arrived at the south end of the lake George. He had no sooner pitched his camp here, than some of his Indians, who had been sent out as scouts, brought him the following advices: that they had discovered a party of French and Indians at Ticonderoga, situate on the isthmus between the north end of Lake George and the southern part of Lake Champlain, 15 miles on this side of Crown Point; but that no works were thrown up. To have secured this pass, which commanded the route to Crown Point through the lake, had been a measure extremely adviseable. Mr. Johnson, informed of its importance, on the 1st of September wrote to general Shirley, that he was impatient to get up his battoes; proposing then to proceed with part of the troops; and seize upon that pass. The French, however, took advantage of the delay, and cut out work enough for him at his own camp. Of the troops which sailed from Brest in the spring, amounting to about 3000, eight companies were taken on board the Alcide and Lys; one thousand were landed at Louisbourg; and the residue arrived at Quebec, with Monsr. de Vandrevil, governor-general of Canada, and baron Dieskau, commander of the forces. The French court, well apprised of the singular consequence of Oswego, had determined to reduce it. Such being the baron's instructions, he immediately proceeded to Montreal; from whence he detached 700 of his troops up the river, intending himself speedily to join them with