

sented the imminent Danger, which he ^{1754.} apprehended the neighbouring Province of *Nova Scotia* was exposed to from the Fortifications, and other Incroachments of the *French* upon the *Isthmus*, and the *Peninsula* there, and *St. John's River* in the Bay of *Funda*, as also from the sudden Attacks, which might be formed against it from *St. John's Island*, *Louisbourg* and *Quebec*.

In answer to the former, Mr. *Shirley* receiv'd Sept. 6. in a Letter from Sir *Thomas Robinson*, then one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, his Majesty's Royal *Approbation* of the Service upon the River *Kennebeck*, with Orders to communicate it to the *Assembly*: and upon his Sept. 30. Return from that Expedition his Majesty's Orders were signified to him in another Letter from Sir *Thomas Robinson*, whereby he was directed to concert Measures with Mr. *Lawrence*, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of *Nova Scotia*, for attacking the *French* Forts in that Province.

Mr. *Lawrence* having got Intelligence, that Nov. 25. the *French* designed to make a speedy Effort for extending their Incroachments upon the *Peninsula*, Measures were concerted (pursuant to his Majesty's Orders) between Mr. *Shirley* and him for making an Attempt early in the Spring to prevent the Execution of their Scheme, by removing them from their Forts on the *Isthmus*, and *St. John's River*; for which Purpose it being necessary to raise 2000 *New England* Men to act in Conjunction with