

Duquesnel then Governor of the Colony, with^d in three Days after the Declaration of it arrived from *France*, fitted out an Armament under the Command of Mr. *Duvivier* from *Louisbourg* (being favoured therein by the casual Absence of the *Canso* Station Ship, omitted to be sent that Year, as was likewise the usual Station Ship to *Boston*) which entering the Harbour of *Canso* about 20 Leagues distant by Night, surprized the Fort, burnt it with the other Buildings there, destroyed the Fishery (as is before observed) and carried the Garrison, which consisted of about 80 private Men fit for Duty, to *Louisbourg*; where, by the Terms of their Capitulation they were to remain Prisoners of War for one Year from the 24th of *May* 1744, at the End of which they were to be sent by the *French* Governor, either to *Annapolis Royal* or to *New England*.

Among the Artifices practised by the *French* of *Canada*, for paving their Way to regain the Possession of *Nova Scotia*, and seize the first favourable Opportunity for that Purpose; the following may serve as a remarkable Specimen: A short time before the Declaration of War, and when the Colonies were in full Expectation of it, the *French* procured the *Indians* of *St. John's River* to send a Deputation of their principal Men to the Commander in Chief of *Annapolis Royal*, on pretence of renewing the Covenant of Peace and Amity with his Government (which was accordingly done with