

Anno 1707-8, March 13, from New England there proceeded an expedition against Port-Royal, under col. March, with two regiments of militia, Wainwright and Hilton, covered by the Deptford man of war from England, and the province-galley; this expedition had no effect, and the officers of the Deptford were blamed as negligent or refractory.

Anno 1709, col. Nicholson and capt. Vetch apply at the court of Great-Britain, for sea and land forces to reduce Canada; there being at that time a sort of court war, it was not attended to, but upon their soliciting an expedition of less consequence, viz. to reduce Port-Royal and the country of Nova Scotia, this was obtained.

5. Nova Scotia continued with the French from anno 1662 (sir William Phipps's reduction and possession of it anno 1690 may be said to be only momentary) until anno 1710, it was then reduced by a force from Great Britain, and from New England, under col. Nicholson, and confirmed to Great Britain by the treaty of Utrecht, and thus it remains to this day.

This expedition under general Nicholson (with instructions to all the governors of New England to be assisting) and adjutant general Vetch, was as follows, anno 1710, July 15, Nicholson with some British officers, and col. Reading's marines arrive at Boston from England, for the intended expedition: the armament set out from Boston, Sept. 18, consisting of the Dragon, Falmouth, Leostaff, and Feversham men of war, the Star bomb, and the Massachusetts province-galley, with transports, in all 36 sail; the land forces on board were, one regiment of marines from England, two regiments of Massachusetts-bay, one regiment of Connecticut, and one regiment of New Hampshire and Rhode Island, commissioned by the queen, and armed by her gift; they arrived at Port-Royal in six days; (the grenadiers of Walton's regiment were commanded by Mascarene, the present governor of Annapolis fort, and commander in chief of Nova Scotia) after a small affair of cannonading and bombarding, the

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