

The *New England* Men being thus obliged to retire, Mr. *La Corne* quitted *Minas* in a few Days, leaving the Command of a small Party there with an inferior Officer.

Upon gaining this Advantage Mr. *De Ramsay* sent Declarations to the *French* Inhabitants in the Name of the Governor of *Canada*, which were publickly posted up, requiring them to take up Arms, whenever they should be call'd upon by him, against the *English*, on pain of Death, having their Houses burnt, and their Estates confiscated; and with these he publish'd the Bishop of *Quebec*'s Declaration, pronouncing them absolv'd from their former Oaths of Fidelity to the King of *Great Britain*: On the other hand the Governor of the *Massachusetts Bay*, to cut off all Pretensions of a Right of Conquest to the District of *Minas*, which might be grounded on the Capitulation at *Grand Pré*, recommended it to Lieutenant Governor *Mascarene* to send there what Troops he could spare out of the Garrison, who were not restrained by the late Capitulation from bearing Arms, to repossess themselves of the District of *Minas*, and bring as many of the *French* Deputies as they could to *Annapolis Royal* to renew their Oaths of Fidelity to his Majesty.

Accordingly, soon after, Mr. *Mascarene* sent out a Party of Rangers with orders to land at *Grand Pré*; pursuant to which the commanding Officer landed there and surprized some
of