

Early in the Spring of 1750, the Governor and Council assigned the spot on which the County Court House now stands, for a market place for black cattle, sheep, &c., and made market regulations.

Owing to the frequent alarms of invasion from the Indians and French stragglers during the winter, it was resolved in Council to organize a militia force, and on the Sunday following the 6th December, after Divine service, all the male settlers between the age of 16 and 60 were assembled on the parade, and drawn up in the following order, viz: "Those of Mr. Ewer and Mr. Collier's division to face the harbor—those of the quarters of Mr. Galland and Mr. Forman to face the Citadel, and those of Mr. Callender's division at one end of the parade." The proclamation bears date December 7th, 1749. On the 16th, information arrived that a French force had been despatched overland from Canada to attack Halifax, and that the Indians were to co-operate with them. The people having been again assembled on the parade after Divine service, the Proclamation was read, and the settlers commanded to fell all the trees around the town without the forts and barricades.