

the Western Frontiers of *New England* and the Province of *New York* as far as the City of *Albany*, had experienced most mischievous Effects from this Fort; it served the *French* as a Place of Rendezvous to fit out Parties from, both of *Canadeans* and *Indians* to make Incurfions and Depredations upon the adjacent Territories of the *English*, which they had greatly galled even during that War, burning and destroying the whole Village of *Saraboga*, and Fort *Massachusets* itself; and was likewise a Place of Safety for them, upon their Retreat from any of these Enterprizes; It was besides absolutely necessary to employ as soon as possible the *Indians* of the Six Nations, who were much depended upon for their Assistance in this Attempt; as the *English* had lost their good Opinion and Respect, together with their former Attachment to their Interest in nothing more than suffering the *French* to build this Fort, so nothing could more retrieve their Influence over them, and all the *Indians* dependent upon them, than the Reduction of it: The Acquisition therefore of this Fort, in case even of the other Parts of the Expedition's being dropped or attended with Misfortune in the Prosecution of it, would in a great measure, of itself, recompense the Northern Colonies for their Expence in it.

As therefore the Season of the Year was advancing, the Armament from *England* not arrived at *Louisbourg*, and an Attempt for the Reduction