

difficulties and unseen obstructions, and the season was advanced so far when he arrived at Oswego, in his way to Niagara, that it was judged impossible to be able to do any thing; therefore he turned back again.

The second was the driving the French from their illegal settlements in Nova Scotia, which was happily accomplished. The assembly of Massachusetts Bay in New England, who were never remiss in their duty, raised early in the spring a body of troops, which was transported to Nova Scotia, to assist lieutenant governor Lawrence. Accordingly, towards the end of May, the governor sent a large detachment of troops, under the command of lieutenant-colonel Monckton, upon this service; and some frigates were dispatched up the bay of Fundy, under the command of capt. Rous, to give their assistance by sea. The troops, upon their advancing to the river Massaguash, found their passage stopt by a large number of regular troops, French rebels, and Indians, 450 of whom were posted in a block-house with cannon mounted on their side of that river, and the rest were posted in a strong breast-work of timber, by way of outwork to the block-house. But our troops attacked the breast-work with such spirit, that in an hour's time the enemy were obliged to fly, and leave them in possession of the breast-work; whereupon the garrison in the block-house deserted it, and left the passage of the river free. From hence our little army marched and attacked the French fort, called Beausejour, on the 12th of June; which they bombarded with such fury and effect, that the garrison thought fit to capitulate on the 16th; they had 26 pieces of cannon mounted, and plenty of ammunition in the fort. The terms they obtained were, for the regulars to be carried to Louisbourg, but not to bear arms in America for six months, and the French inhabitants to be pardoned, as they had been forced into the service. To this fort colonel Monckton gave the name of Cumberland; and next day he attacked and reduced the other French fort upon the river Gaspeau, which runs into bay Verte, where he likewise found a large quantity of provisions and stores of all kinds, being the chief magazine for supplying the Indians and rebel French inhabitants with arms, ammunition, and every thing

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