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If the act of parliament againſt impreſſing of ſeamen in the ſugar-iſlands, had been extended to the northern American colonies, we ſhould have been eaſy under a Britiſh ſquadron ſtationed at Boſton, and their bills home for ſupplies, would have made good returns for our merchants; our traders could not have ſuffered above 2 or 3 per cent. difference of inſurance, which is a trifle compared with the great charge incurred by reducing of Louiſbourg, and of maintaining it during the war.

Here I ſhall give ſome ſhort account of evenements in the northern parts of North America, from the commencement of the preſent French war to the preſent time May 1748; I ſhall not notice ſmall affairs, which do not require mention in a general hiſtory.

The French declared war againſt Great Britain March 15, 1744, N. S. Great Britain declared war againſt France March 29, 1744, O. S. The French in theſe parts had more early intelligence of the war; at Boſton we did not proclaim this war until June 2. May 13, M. Du Vivier with a few armed ſmall veſſels, and about 900 regular troops and militia from Louiſbourg, takes Caſco without any reſiſtance, and carries the nominal four companies, being 70 to 80 ſoldiers, and the few inhabitants, priſoners to Louiſbourg.

Here is a notorious inſtance of the French too forward raſh conduct; contrary to expreſs inſtructions ſent by the court of France to the gariſon of Louiſbourg, along with the declaration of war (my information was from M. le Marquis de la Maifon Forte, Capt. of the Vigilant) that

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