

bursement) because thereby they have incurred, to please the populace, an annual charge of 60,000 l. sterl. per ann. or 600,000 l. New-England currency, a considerable article where ways and means were difficult.

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 Canis 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 garrison of Louisbourg, along with the declaration of war (my information was from M. le Marquis de la Maison Forte, Capt. of the Vigilant) that

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