

On the 14th, the Civil Government was organized, and Col. Paul Mascarine, Capt. Edward Howe, Capt. John Goreham, Benjamin Green, John Salisbury, and Hugh Davidson, were sworn in Councillors\* on board the Beaufort Transport, "the formation of the Board was announced to the people by a general salute from the ships in the harbor, and the day was devoted to festivity and amusement." The four first gentlemen named in this Council were Provincial Officers from Annapolis—the names of the two latter, Mr. Salisbury and Mr. Secretary Davidson, do not appear elsewhere, and were probably members of his Excellency's suite.

Early in the month of July, a spot for the settlement was pitched upon near Point Pleasant, and the people were employed in cutting down the trees; but the want of sufficient depth of water in front, and other inconveniences being discovered, it was abandoned for a more eligible situation to the Northward, commanding a prospect of the whole harbour, and on an easy ascent with a plentiful supply of fresh water: here Mr. Bruce, the engineer, and Mr. Morris, the surveyor, were ordered to lay out the town, which was surveyed and the plan completed by 14th Sept. The town was laid out in squares or blocks of 320 by 120 feet, the streets being 60 feet wide, each block contained 16 town lots, forty feet front and 60 feet deep, the whole divided into 5 divisions or wards, Callendar's, Galland's, Ewer's, Collier's, and Forman's divisions.

\*The table around which this Council assembled, is now in the small Council Chamber in the Province Building.