

the Sphinx of twenty guns, which had entered the harbour a few days before, with colonel Cornwallis, their governor, on board. His excellency had been informed of the arrival of the French at Cape Breton, which had been just restored to that nation; he therefore sent for the English garrison from Louisburgh, and they soon after entered the harbour, with the regiments of Hopson and Warburton, on board other transports; the officers bringing with them all their furniture, several milch cows, and other stock, with military stores, and ammunition of all sorts. About the same time there also arrived a company of rangers from Annapolis, and encamped near the new settlers in order to give them assistance and protection.

The next care of the governor, was to pitch upon a proper spot for the first settlement; and as the peninsula appeared preferable, both on account of its commodious situation, and the fertility of the soil, the able-bodied men on board each ship were employed in clearing ground in order to build a town at the south point, at the entrance of Sandwich river; but many objections being soon found against that place, another spot was chosen by the governor, at about the distance of a mile and a half from it, on the side of Chebucto harbour, and on the declivity of a rising ground that commands the whole peninsula, and would shelter the town when built from the north-west winds. The beach they found was a fine gravel, convenient for small boats, the anchorage was every where good for large ships, within gunshot of the town, and small but navigable rivers of fresh and wholesome water flowed round about it.

Here then they made a second, and more successful attempt; and indeed, it would not have been easy to have chosen a more happy situation. They therefore