

explanations one will be enabled to find out, in the Mines District, on board of what vessels the inhabitants of such and such a village were embarked and to where they were sent. Three of the above mentioned transports were ordered to Fort Edward, namely, the *Three Friends*, the *Dolphin*, and the *Ranger*, the first two on the 12th, and the last on the 16th of October. On board of these three vessels, with the schooner *Neptune*, 90 tons, which had arrived from Boston, on August 31st, were shipped 860 persons from Piziquid.

Murray, writing to Winslow, on October 14, says: "There are upwards of 920 People here children included."

On October 23, Winslow writes to Apthorp and Hancock: "Capt. Murray has come from Piziquid with upwards of 1000 Persons in Four Vessels—Taken up Col. Dunniel's "Sloop," and further on he adds: "Capt. Murray has shipt from Piziquid his whole and "are upwards of 1000." On the 3rd November, he writes to Monckton: "Majr. Murray "has got rid of his whole amounting to upwards 1100."

It seems evident that on October 14, Murray only knew of 920 persons in his District and later on he discovered some more. These with the 920, amount to upwards of 1000, were embarked on board his four vessels and brought to Mines Basin, where 206 were transferred on board the *Seaflower*, Col. Donnal's sloop, which Winslow hired from the owner, leaving 806 on the four transports hired by Apthorp and Hancock. Adding these 806 to the 206 we have the total of 1066 persons.

On October 19, Winslow went up to a place called Pointe-des-Boudrot, on the Rivière-aux-Canards, and on the 21st he returned to his camp at Grand-Pré. Murray was waiting for him on board the snow *Halifax*, Taggart, master, in Mines Basin. He had arrived on the 20th, with his four transports, and the inhabitants of the Piziquid District.

Murray had "a scheme" to propose to Winslow which was agreed upon, as soon as Winslow arrived at his camp, and by this plan the *Seaflower* received on board a part of the contingent of the Acadians embarked by Murray. We now understand how Winslow could write, on the 23rd of the same month, to Apthorp and Hancock that "Capt. Murray has come from Piziquid with upwards of 1000 Persons in Four Vessels" and that he "has shipt his whole" which was done by the hiring of the sloop *Seaflower*.

Another statement of Winslow remains to be examined, and it is the one he makes to Monckton, on the 3rd of November, when he says that "Majr. Murray has got rid of his whole amounting to upwards 1100."

One must bear in mind that many families had escaped into the woods where they kept themselves in hiding. The following very important document shows some of the methods used to ensnare the Acadians. It is written by Lieut. Cox who replaced Captain Alexander Murray at Fort Edward in the beginning of November, and is as follows:

"D'autant que certains des habitants des departements de Pissiquid, des villages Landry, Forêt, Babin, etc., se sont absentes de leurs habitations dans la crainte que le gouvernement de Sa Majesté ne leur veuille mal, et soit dans l'intention de les punir de leur ténacité et de sobédisance aux ordres de son Excellence le gouverneur: Je déclare au nom et de par Sa Majesté le roi de la Grande-Bretagne, que si les dits habitants réfugiés se rendent et se soumettent aux ordres de Sa Majesté, qui n'est rien autre que de les embarquer et les consigner aux colonies de Sa Majesté Très Chrétienne, ils seront reçus et bien traités: au contraire, s'ils s'obstinent à rester dans leur retraite, ils seront traités comme des rebelles et doivent s'attendre au Châtiment le plus sévère. Et comme il y a à la Grand-Praye nombre suffisants, je promets aux habitants qui se rendront icy sous trois jours qu'ils seront immédiatement envoyés joindre les dits habitants de la Grande-Praye, pour vivre et être embarqués avec eux, sitôt que les transports pour cet effets seront arrivés. Donné au Fort Edouard ce douzième de novembre, l'an 1755."

If any Acadians were caught in the trap set for them by the above declaration there is no record at hand to show.