

we observe that the *English* Puritans were not the first *European* Christians that thought of flying to the Wilderness, to escape the Rage and Cruelty of persecuting Prelates.

*De la Tour*, being put in Possession of his Province, Sir Thomas Temple, Governor. sold it to Sir *Thomas Temple*, who, according to the Memorialist, was Proprietor and Governor, till the Restoration: If so, Sir *Thomas* must be there in Person, and it is the more likely, for that we find he was one of the Benefactors to *Harvard College*, in *New-England*. The Memorialist adds, "soon after which, King *Charles* deliver'd it up again to the *French*, and *Canada* with it, where they both rested, yielded up to the French. "to the unspeakable loss and detriment of the Crown, and the Plantations, till Col. *Nicholson* lately recover'd the former." This Memorialist is strangely out in the newest Part of his History; for long before *Nicholson's* being there, Sir *William Phips* had driven the *French* out of *Port-Royal*, as we shall see presently, and the *English* kept it till the Peace of *Ryswick*, when King *William* was too much perplexed by Faction at home, to insist on those Advantages abroad, which cou'd not be obtained but by the Continuance of War, in which he was shamefully cramped, and distressed by the Disaffected, Natural and Artificial. But the *French* became so troublesome to the *New-English*, when they had disciplin'd and join'd with the *Indians*, that they resolv'd upon an Expedition to unneettle them in this Neighbourhood.

Pursuant to this Resolution Sir *William Phips*, who commanded the Fleet and Forces, sail'd from *New-England* the 28th of *April* 1690, and on the 11th of *May* arriv'd before *Port-Royal*, situated at the Bottom of a little Bay or Bason, within the Bay of *Funda*, to the Eastward. It was but a poor Place, defended with single Palisadoes only, which I the rather mention, because our modern Writers of the *West-India* Colonies enlarge very much on the more than ordinary Care of the *French* to fortifie their Settlements; and this was a very important one, considering how convenient it was for annoying the *English*, or being annoy'd by them; and considering also what a flourishing Trade the *French* carry'd on in Lumber, Fishing, Furrs, and Skins; insomuch that when *Phips* came thither, there were at least 6000 Souls in *Acadia*. Monsr. *Meneval* the Governor, being so ill provided for Defence against Broadfides, made a very short one, and surrendered on Condition of a safe Conduct to *Canada*. Thus the *English* retook Possession of the Town and Country, demolish'd the little Fort, not worth the Name, sent away the *French* Inhabitants that were for removing, and took an Oath of Allegiance to King *William* and Queen *Mary*, of those