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St. John's
surrenders.

St. Laurence, and which in some measure supplied Quebec with corn and black cattle^t, with which produce, this island abounded, followed the fate of Cape Breton. Lord Rollo was immediately detached to take possession of it: and the inhabitants, amounting to 4100, submitted to his summons, and brought in their arms. This had been a place of great annoyance to our settlement in Nova Scotia. For, the French neutrals, when driven to distress by the English, found shelter upon this island: and from hence the Indians were encouraged to make sudden irruptions into that colony, and to perpetrate the most inhuman barbarities upon the English subjects: of which Lord Rollo found a most execrable proof in the very palace, or governor's seat, decorated with the scalps of English men, murdered by the savages, hired for that purpose by the French, their patrons and allies.

Expedition
under Ge-
neral Aber-
crombie,
against
Crown
Point.

This important conquest was made, and the strength of the continent of North America was not weakened, nor the provinces exposed to the surprize and ravagements of the French and their savage allies; as we have seen the case in the reduction of the land army and the transportation thereof to Hallifax, last year; when an attempt upon Louisbourg was resolved by a council of war to be impracticable, without so much as making

^t Some farms raised 1200 bushels of corn annually for Quebec market: and Lord Rollo found above 10,000 head of black cattle on this island.