

meeting with that ready Assistance which was expected from the Government and People of that Country, it was the 30th of *July* before he sailed from thence, and then he was on his way to *Quebeck* with the *British* and *New England* Forces.

The 14th of *August* he got the length of the *Bird-Islands*, which lie about two hundred and fifty Leagues from *Cape Anne*, and having sent the *Chester*, *Leopard*, and *Sapphire* to cruise between *Placencia* and *Cape Breton*, on an Island opposite to *Newfoundland*, expected their joining him in his Passage to *Quebec*, the former of which Ships had taken, and sent into *Boston*, before he sailed thence, a Ship of about one hundred and twenty Tuns, with 10 Guns, that had seventy Men on board, whereof thirty were Soldiers for the Garrison of *Quebec*.

*Comes to the Bird-Islands.*

The *Lowestoff*, *Feversham*, *Enterprize*, and *Triton's Prize*, all small Frigates, which were stationed at *New York*, and *Virginia*, he ordered to join him off of *Cape Breton*, being empowered by Her Majesty's Orders so to do, if he should find it necessary, and this he the rather did, because of the Use they might be to him in his proceeding up the River to *Quebec*, which Navigation most of the People with whom he had spoken represented to be very dangerous, and therefore he rightly judged the *Humber* and *Devonshire*, which mounted 80 Guns each, too big to be ventured thither, for which reason he sent them home, and shifted his Flag on board the *Edgar*, a Ship of 70 Guns, General *Hill* removing into the *Windsor*, which carry'd ten less; but since he had Information that a Ship of 60 Guns and another of 30, were expected from *France* very suddenly, he ordered the aforesaid Ships *Humber* and *Devonshire* to cruise in the opening of the Bay of *St. Lawrence* until the last of *August*, and then to pursue their Voyage home.

*Takes Stationed Ships at New York and Virginia with him.*

*Sends home the Humber and Devonshire.*

He had very fair Weather until he got into the aforesaid Bay, when it became changeable, sometimes thick and foggy, and otherwhiles calm, and little Winds, and the Navigation appeared to be intricate, and hazardous. The 18th of *August*, when he was off of *Gaspé Bay*, near the Entrance of the River *Canada*, it blew fresh at N. W. and lest the Transports should be separated, and blown to Leeward, he anchored in that Bay, where staying for an Opportunity to proceed up the River, he burnt a *French* Ship which was fishing, not being able to bring her off.

*He arrives in the Bay of St. Lawrence.*

*Anchors in Gaspé Bay.*

The Wind veering Westerly the 20th of *August*, he had hopes of gaining his Passage, but the next Day, after Noon, it proved foggy, and continued so all Night and the Day following, with very little Wind, till the Afternoon, when there was an extreme thick Fog, and it began to blow hard at E. and E. S. E. which rendering it impossible to steer any Course with Safety, having neither sight of Land, nor *Soundings*, or *Anchorage*, he, by the Advice of the Pilots then on board him, both *English* and *French*, who were the best in the Fleet, made the Signal for the Ships to bring to with their Heads Southward, at which time it was about Eight at Night, believing that in that Posture they should not come near the North Shore, but rather have driven with the Stream in the Mid-Channel;

*Brings to with his Head Southward.*