

with instructions to advertise that "encouragement would be given to all officers and private soldiers of the army (several thousand men of which had been then but recently disbanded,) to settle in Nova Scotia,"—which invitation was at once responded to and accepted by 3,760 persons, who with their families were entered for embarkation, Parliament having previously provided the munificent sum of £40,000 stg. to defray the expenses of their removal.

#### THE EXPEDITION.

The fleet set sail early in May, and cast anchor in Chebucto Harbor in the latter part of June, 1749. To the eye of one, thus suddenly transported from a land populous and highly cultivated,—the very centre of advanced civilization,—the scene which presented itself, as the fleet moved slowly before a gentle summer breeze, must have been truly delightful as well as novel. On either side of a magnificent sheet of water, unruffled as the bosom of an expansive lake, the primeval forest clothed the gently sloping hills to the very water's-edge, with the dark, rich verdure of the spruce and the fir, interspersed with the lighter and more brilliant greens of the larch, the maple and the beech, whose umbrageous limbs concealed the huge masses of granite scattered over the soil, and doomed to disappoint the hopes and defeat the labours of the inexperienced immigrant.

#### A SITE SELECTED.

The spot at first selected for the foundation of the Town being deemed on closer inspection not suitable, the Governor,—the Hon. EDWARD CORNWALLIS,—ultimately gave the preference to that upon which the City—HALIFAX, (so named in honor of the nobleman who had the greatest share in founding the Colony)—now stands. Immediate preparations were made for the disembarkation of the settlers and troops; but previously to their being landed, the Governor proceeded to organize a Civil Government, nominating and appointing under the authority of his Instructions six Members of His Majesty's Council for the Province of Nova Scotia.

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