

The *French* Commander upon having Intelligence of their Arrival at *Annapolis*, and their Embarkation for *Minas*, had quitted the District and retired with his Party to *Schiegnecto*, the extreme Part of the Peninsula : The Season being extremely severe hindered the *New England* Men from immediately following him thither, as the commanding Officer had Orders to do ; so that they determined to wait till the Rigour of it was abated.

On the last Day of *January* the *French* Commander having gained Intelligence of their being distributed in Quarters at a great Distance from each other, and being secretly encouraged with the Promise of Assistance from some of the Inhabitants, made a March, which was thought impracticable in that Season of the Year, through the Woods with a Party of *Canadians* and *Indians* ; and taking the Advantage of a violent Snow Storm, which had lasted 36 Hours, entered the Town immediately after, at Midnight, and surrounded most of them in their Quarters ; the greatest Part of whom were killed, wounded or taken Prisoners : In the mean time, those Parties which were not surrounded, marched out and forced their Way through the Enemy to the Guard-House, being a large defensible Stone Building, situated in the middle of the Town ; and some others, which had been surrounded, beat off the Party which attacked them and recovered it : The next Morning two Companies marched out of the Guard-House to
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