

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 18

I Send you the Form of an address to the Governours on ye Continent.

I am, Sir, your Most Obedient Humble Servant, CHAS. LAWRENCE.

On His Majesty's Service To Col. Winslow, and in his absence to Capt Alexander Murray.

August 30th.—Last Evening Capt. Murray Arived and Brought with him the afore resights Commissions and Instructions and Letters, and with whome I consulted Methods for removing the whole Inhabitants of the Villages of Grand Pré, Mines, Rivers Cannard, Habbertong [Habitants] and Gaspereau, and agreed that it would be Most Convenient to Sight all the Male Inhabitants of the Villages to assemble at the Church in this Place on the 5th of September next to hear the King's Orders and that at the same time Capt. Murray to Collect the Inhabitants of Piziquid, and Villages adjacent to Forte Edward for the Same Purpose, and wrote Col. Lawrence this Day our Determination, and after Capt. Murray's Departure Convened the Captains, viz., Adams, Hobbs & Osgood together, and after Taking an Oath of Secressy from them Lade before them my Instructions and Papers and also of the Proposd agreement made between Capt. Murray and myself of which they unanimously approved.

This afternoon arrived Three Sloops from Boston, vizt., *Gooding, Stone and Dunning*, being Three of the Transports Proposd for removal of the French Inhabitants, who also Informed us Divers others were to follow.

Col. Winslow to Govr. Lawrence.

GRAND PRÉ, August 30th 1755.

I am favored with your Excellencys of the 11th and 26th of this Instant which Captain Murray was So Good as to be the Bearer of and with whome I have Consulted as to the Duty Proposed; And as the Corne is now all Down, the Weather Being Such has Prevented the Inhabitants Houseing of it, it is his Opinion and Mine that your Excellency's [Orders] Are not made Public till Next Friday: On which Day we Propose to Put those Orders in Execution.

And Altho it is a Disagreeable Part of Duty wee are Put Upon I am Sensible it is a Necessary one, And Shall Endeavor Strictly to Obey your Excellency's Orders, Do Everything in me to Remove the Neighbors About me to a Better Country, as to Poor Father Le-Blond [René LeBlanc, the Notary], I shall with your Excellency's Permission Send him to my Own Place.

Major Handfiel to Col. Winslow.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, August 31st, 1755.

SIR,—One of the Transportes being arived from Messrs, Aphthrop and Hancock hired to carry of the French Inhabitants of this River I immediately ordered out a Party to bring in About 100 of the Heads of Families and Young Men. but they Found the Villages up the River Distitute of all to Male heads of Families who are retired into the woods having Taken their beding &c. with them, therefore I am to Desier you to Send me a reinforcement of Men So Soon as you Can Posably Spare them that May Enable me to Bring them to reason.

I am Sir your Most Humble Servant.
J. HANDFIELD.

On His Majesty's Service to Colo. John Winslow Commanding ye Troops at Grand Pré Mines.

Capt. Alex. Murray to Col. John Winslow.

FORTE EDWARD [at Piziquid] Aug. 31 1755.

DEAR Sir,

I hear Some Vessels are arived at Mines which I Suppose are the Transports if So I Think the Sooner we strike the Stroke the Better, therefore will be Glad to See you