

ders for the King's Ships that should be found in these Parts, forthwith to follow him : That the Fisherman timely arriving, our Governor immediately sent the Order to a 40 Gun Ship at *Piscataqua*, ready to convoy the Mast Fleet for *England*: And tho' she was got to Sea, yet by a Boat the Order reach'd her, and sending her Fleet into Harbour, she bore after the *Comimodore* and quickly join'd him. So that our *Army* before they sail'd from *Canso*, had the Comfort of 4 *Men of War*, under God, to protect and help them.

6. That tho' our *Fleet* and *Army* staid near three Weeks at *Canso*, within 20 Leagues of *Louisbourg*, and within Sight of their *Island*; yet the People There knew nothing of it; till early in the Morning *April 30*, when they were so surpriz'd to see us, that they had no Time to get in fresh Provision and Force of the neighbouring Country to help them. It seems very wonderful, that none of the *French* or *Indians* near to *Canso*, should happen to see us, and give our Enemies Intelligence of us: And when our *Fleet* and *Army* were compleat and ready, the *Ice* went off at once; and the Winds and Weather conspired to favour our Descent on the *Island*.

7. It is also remarkable, that the *French* had made no Fortification at the Place of our Landing, though 'tis said they designed it, and were preparing for it: And tho' they had Six Hundred regular Troops, and about Fourteen Hundred other Men in the City, that yet they should make so small an Opposition at our going ashore: That God so encouraged and helped the few who landed first and engaged them, as to beat them away with the Loss of Eight of their Men slain, several wounded, and Ten taken captive, without the Loss of One of Ours: That thereby he struck a Terror in our Enemies: And tho' our People were so eager of Landing, they were ready to quarrel to get into the Boats, and the Surf ran high; yet all our *Army* landed safely, without oversetting a Boat or losing a Man.

8. That he moved them to improve the Time and forthwith march up Five Miles, thro' a thickety, rocky, hilly and boggy Country, and enclose the City. That in the following Night he led some of our Soldiers, thro' strange Places to the Storehouses near the Grand Battery, which

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