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REMOVAL OF THE ACADIANS

Difficulties between France and England, consequences of court-intrigues had, in 1740, kindled an heedless war terminated with no less levity by the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. The redaction of the treaty exhibited, on the part of the french ministers, such a neglect and unpardonable ignorance that a new war began very soon after on the borders of Acadia. The governor of Canada placed garrison along the frontiers and the peace heretofore enjoyed by the Acadians ceased to exist.

In 1755, the envy which the prosperity and rich soil of the colony had excited among the militia of New-England brought on this infamous and cruel spoliation, an eternal stain on the name and honour of England, unfortunately not without more than one parallel in the history of the