

Louisbourg. Brigr.-Genl. Monkton remained at Halifax to see that Garrison embark, and to forward some particulars relating to the Expedition.

MAY 15TH.—In the morning we made Cape Canseau ; about noon we made the island of Cape Breton, the coast of which was still full of ice ; in the evening we got into Louisbourg Harbor, where we found the "Bedford" and "Prince Frederick," *that* had wintered there, and the "Northumberland," lately arrived from England.

MAY 17TH.—The "Nightingale" and convoy, with Fraser's *Highlanders*, arrived from New York. The General ordered such further necessaries as were not already provided at this place, with all possible dispatch.

The Troops were now coming in daily, as the weather permitted, which was often so foggy that many vessels must have run ashore upon the Coast if the noise of the surf had not apprised them of their danger. The easterly winds which brought the fogs brought likewise great quantities of ice, and made the navigation still more *dangerous*. The harbor of Louisbourg was so full for several days, that there was no getting on board *nor* ashore without a great deal of trouble and danger.

MAY 31ST.—Brigr.-Genl. Monkton arrived with four Battalions from Halifax and two Battalions from the Bay of Fundy. Our whole force was now assembled, consisting of ten Battalions, three Companies of Grenadiers from the garrison of Louisbourg, a detachment of Artillery, and five companies of Rangers,—the whole amounting to Eight thousand five hundred and thirty-five men fit for Duty, officers included (8,535) : they were proportioned on board of the Transports to the best advantage, and were landed for air and Exercise, when the weather permitted, during our stay ; and these opportunities were taken to stow the water and Provisions on board. The transports were divided into