

England and Nova Scotia in the spring 1745, and our trade in the northern parts of America could not have suffered above two or three per cent difference of insurance, which is as nothing compared with the great charge of 800,000 *l.* sterl. before the charge was fully known, I estimated it at 500,000 *l.* sterl. or less [q].

I sum up the Louisbourg affair. 1. It was infinitely rash, a private corporation adventure, without any orders or assured assistance of men of war from home; thirty-six hundred raw militia (some without proper arms) without any discipline, but at random, as if in a frolick, met together; no provision of cloathing or ships: by this and small care of the sick, and want of discipline, we lost about one half of our men by scurvys and putrid slow fevers; in a military way we lost only about sixty men killed and drowned, and about 116 prisoners to the French,

[q] If the Canada expedition which was recommended home by 'governor — had proceeded and succeeded, after another great addition to the national debt; for reasons of state, without any equivalent or reimbursement, it must have been evacuated and restored to the French; New-England was at considerable charge towards this intended expedition in levy-money, victualling, transport service, bedding, &c. for want of proper application, Massachusetts have received no reimbursement of this: Rhode-Island, by application have received their reimbursement.

Another extra-provincial perquisite expedition was the sending off 1500 men towards the reduction of Crown-Point, a French fort, near Lake Champlain in the province of New-York; this involved our province in some charge (never to be recovered) by sending provisions, ammunition and other stores by water to Albany; an epidemical distemper in the county of Albany luckily prevented us; if it had been reduced, it must either have been kept by us at a very great charge equal to the opposition of all the force of Canada; or we must have demolished it, to be re-built by the French at one tenth of our charge in reducing of it.

Another project towards ruining our province was the charge of building a fort at the Carrying-place in the government of New-York, between the falls of Hudson's river and Wood-Creek: this was attended with the same inconveniencies as the former.

Sending off troops to assist the six Indian nations of New-York—All these idle proposals, were not resented by the government of New-York, as, if that rich government had been incapable or neglectful of self-protection, but silently admitted of Sh— Quixotisms; our house of representatives in their journal say, the people of New-York were much able to protect themselves.

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