

making their Escape — however great was the trouble and vexation which they gave the Commanding Officer yet every officer of the Garrison Commiserating their situation — persevered with great Patience, to collect and have family connections Embark together — but the utmost Efforts could not prevent their separating for after they were Embarked — seventeen of the men made their Escape in one night from on board of one vessel — and more or less from all the vessels during the whole time between Embarking and sailing — some of them would come on board again some days after of themselves & crowd in where others had Embarked to fill up the vacancies of the deserted that it was absolutely impossible to keep families together, and being then late in the season that every days delay rendered it dangerous — and from the cause above mentioned — Such as was taken before the Sailing of the Transports were put on board of such vessels where desertion made Vacancies for them and was the cause and the only cause why families were separated — or any Branch of the Families separated.

On the 29 Oct^r 1755 the Fleet sailed from the Rendezvous in the Basin of Mines under the Convoy of His Majestys Ship the Nightingale Captain Diggs — the Snow Halifax Captain Taggart — the armed Schooner Warren Captain Adams — with the Transports as follows —

From whom embarked				Tons	Men
Pissiquid	Sloop	<i>Ranger</i>	Capt PIERCY	91	182
	Sloop	<i>Dolphin</i>	Capt FARNSAM	87	174
	Schooner	<i>Nephtie</i>	Capt DAVIS	90	180
	Schooner	<i>Three Friend</i>	Capt CARLILE	69	138
Embarked at Mines & Canard	Sloop	<i>Scoutour</i>	Capt DONNELL	81	180
	Sloop	<i>Hannah</i>	Capt ADAMS	70	140
	Schooner	<i>Leopard</i>	Capt CHEECH	87	174
	Sloop		MILBURY	93	186
	Sloop	<i>Molly & Sarah</i>	HASTUM	70	140
		<i>Mary</i>	DENSV	90½	181
		<i>Prosperous</i>	BRADGON	75	150
		<i>Endeavour</i>	JN STONE	83	166
		<i>Industry</i>	GOODWIN	86	172
			PEDDINGTON	80	160

(N.B. I have made some Blunder by the loss of the Principal List of those who Embarked — but the number of Souls that Embarked on board of these Transports were 2921 — how many embarked afterwards I know not).

The remainder of the Neutrals remained untill more Transports arrived Thirty days Provisions was Shipt on board for Each Soul at the rate of

1lb Beef	p week with Cabbages Turnips Potatoes &c as much as they choose to carry with apples & other matters.
5lb flower.	
2lb Bread	

These Neutrals had agreed among themselves that in case they should be sent away — that when they were under sail in the Bay Fundy that they were to rise on the navigators — throw them over board and carry all the Transports into the River St John^a where they were to Land and defend themselves with the assistance of all the Tribes of Indians — but Providence ordered it otherways At the time of weighing anchor the wind being at East South East — soon blew a Gale of Wind — it overtook them immediately after they passed Cape Porcupine or Blowme down — both men & women became sick unable to move which together with the Darkness of the night prevented their design — and they remained sick untill they were so far in the Ocean as to be out of their knowledge what course to steer when the Storm was over it Blew excessive hard at North West and Winter coming on, that many of the Transports were obliged to send before the wind — untill they made the Land of England and France where some of the Transports did arrive and landed their passengers.