

Leagues Eastward of that River, and the Extent of a Line they claim, from the Lake *Champlain* to the Westward on the Back of *New England* to the Gulph of *St. Lawrence*. To this Place the *Indians* resorted to the Number of 300; who having here their head Quarters, made several Incursions upon the Peninsula since, but have seldom done any Mischief.

As the *Nova Scotia French* in that Part of the Province are the most disaffected of any, and have always behaved with Contempt to the *British Government*, tho' possessed of a very fine Country, Governor *Cornwallis*, who had indulged them with a long Term of Deliberation in regard to the taking the Oaths to his Majesty, to no Purpose, sent a strong Party, consisting of near 500 Troops and Rangers (to take Possession of *Chignecto*, and to break up the Rendezvous of the *French Indians*) commanded by Major *Lawrence* of *Warburton's Regiment*.

The *Albany Sloop*, and several Sloops and Schooners, were sent round to *Minas*, where the Forces embarked the 20th of *April*, and arriving safe, landed at *Chignecto* the 23d. On their Approach to the Town, which consisted of about 140 Houses, and two Churches, the *Indians*, probably induced by the *French Commandant*, reduced the whole to Ashes in a few Hours, and the Inhabitants, crossing the River, threw themselves under his Protection, on what they call the *French Side* of the Line. The Reason assigned for burning the Town is, that it stood on Ground they pleased at present to call *English*.

As many of the Inhabitants had taken Arms, making their united Force consist, as they say, of near 1500 armed Men, the Major sent a Flag of Truce (they having hoisted a *French Flag*) to know the Reason of their acting in this hostile Manner, and afterwards had an Interview with *M. Le Corne*; upon which our Forces re-embarked, and are safely returned to *Minas*.

What passed at this Interview is not made publick, but it is probable the Enemy were too well secured, and had too great a Superiority, to make an Attempt practicable.

We left the new Colonists in *Nova Scotia* very busy in planting, building and laying out their Works for making a commodious Settlement. We likewise took Notice, that the *French Indians* behaved to them in a very friendly

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