

received their commissions as private ships of war. The Hertford was a vessel of 300 tons, armed with 20 carriage guns, carrying a crew of 160 men. Thomas Lewis was her commander, John Bashard, 1st lieutenant, and John Thomas master. The Musket was 120 tons burthen and carried 80 men, Joshua Mauger and John Hale were sole owners, while Hale was a part owner in the Hertford.

These vessels sailed on their first cruise in November, 1756, and although the log of the Hertford has been preserved and is now in the possession of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, it contains no record of engagements or captures of the enemies ships. During the Seven Years war 15 privateers were armed and fitted out at this port. The names of these vessels have been preserved, together with their tonnage, armament, &c. We learn from the journals of the House of Assembly, 1758, that a charge was preferred against the chief official of the admiralty court. The judge of Vice Admiralty at Halifax during this period was a Mr. Collier, a member of H. M. Council. He was charged by Mr. Suckling, a member of the assembly, "with taking such fees as were grievous and oppressive, and such as the subject was unable to bear, which was highly reflecting on said court." If the records of this court had been preserved we, no doubt, would have a goodly list of prizes to the credit of the privateers which were condemned in this court.

Captain Joseph Rous, who was in command of the privateer Lawrence, was a brother of Captain Rous who appears in the annals of Nova Scotia shortly after the settlement of Halifax. ~~He~~ was a naval officer, and in 1755 was sent to the Bay of Fundy to aid Col. Moncton in his expedition against Fort Beausejour. After the fall of the French fort Capt. Rous and Mr. Brewse, the chief engineer at the time of the investment of the above named fortress, were both praised by Governor Lawrence. When it was decided that a light house should be built on the Isle of Sambro, Capt. Rous, who was the owner, deeded the Island to the province, and his brother Joseph was recommended to have the care of the light house if agreeable to him.

Captain Sylvanus Cobb, of New England, was another enterprising navigator who took part in the naval exploits of the seven years war. He was commander of an armed sloop fitted out by the province, and his deeds are recorded by Murdoch and Aitkin, historians of province and city of Halifax. During the seven years war, the Government of Nova Scotia had in its employ the following armed vessels

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