

the operation fortunately was not fatal, for he recovered and afterwards went back to England.

Touching this massacre in Dartmouth, a writer in the *London Magazine* of 1751, says, that on the 14th-25th of May,* 1751, a general court-martial was ordered to enquire into the conduct of the different commanding officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, who had suffered the village of Dartmouth to be plundered, and many of its inhabitants put to death, when there was a detachment of regulars and irregulars posted there for their protection, to the amount of upwards of sixty men. Governor Cornwallis in a letter to the Lords of Trade, dated 24th June, 1751, says: "A large party of Indians came down to a small village opposite Halifax where I was obliged to put some settlers that arrived last year, in the night attacked it and did some mischief by killing of the inhabitants, I think four, and took six soldiers who were not upon guard that night. Our people killed six of the Indians, and had they done their duty well, must have killed many more."

Private letters from Halifax state that there had been skirmishes with the Indians, in which several of the English had been killed and scalped. "Some days ago," says the writer of one of these letters,

* The two dates are new and old style.—Ed.