

Kept in Exceeding Good Order. The Tyde in the Harbor Flows about 12 or 13 Foot perpendicular at the Full and Change moon its Very Inconvenient for Loaded Vessels as they have not more than 12 Foot water at the End the Long wharf, which wharf is noted the longest in North America, being near half an Englist mile in length and runs direct out, One side whereof is full of whare Houses from One End to the Other. The Bostoniers Build a vast Numbr Vessells for Sale, from Small Sloops up to Topsail Vessells from a Hundred Tons, and are noted for Good Sailing Vessells, they Runn mostly upon Keene Built and very strong Counted about 15 Saile upon Stocks, which they Launch in Cradills at the full and Change the Moon. This Place has about Twelve Meeting Houses and Three Churches which are all Very Indifferent Buildings of no manner of Architect but Very Plain; at the North End they have a Ring of Bell, which are but Very Indifferent. They have but One Markett which is all Built of Brick about Eighty Foot long and Arch'd on Both Sides, being Two Stories heigh the upper part Sashed, which Comprehends Several. The Public Offices the Town; at the Southernmost End is the Naval Offices. The Middle, The Surveyors the Markets offices. They have also a Town House Built of Brick, Situated in Kings Street. It's a very Grand Brick Building Arch'd all Round and Two Storie Heigh, Sashed above, its lower Part is always Open Designed as a change, tho' the Merchants in Fair weather make their Change in the Open Street at the Easter most End. in the upper Story are the Council and Assembly Chambers, etc., it has a Neat Capulo Sashed all round and which on rejoycing days is Elluminated. As to Government, Boston is dependent and Subordinate to England for its laws, etc.. being a King's Government. The Governour is a person appointed from Home who represents his Majesty. The Government Laws are Compyld by the Council and Great General Assembly. The Former Represents the House of Lords and the Latter Commons, and the Governour Signs them and then they Pass in a Law. In Boston they are very Strict Observers of the Sabbath day, and in Service times no Persons are allow'd the Streets but Doctors, if you are found upon the Streets and the Constables meet you, they Compel you to go either to Curch or Meeton as you chuse, also in Swearing if you are Catcht you must Pay a Crown Old Tenor for Every Oath being Convicted thereof without further dispute the 4ths of the Inhabitants are Strict Presbyterians."

In seven weeks from the time Gov. Shirley issued his proclamation for raising troops for the expedition, three thousand two hundred and fifty men were enrolled in Massachusetts, three hundred and four in New Hampshire, and five hundred and sixteen in Connecticut. The Massachusetts men were embarked the 24th of March, and sailed under the convoy of the Shirley Galle, afterwards called the Shirley Frigate. The whole naval force of the colony of Massachusetts consisted of three frigates of twenty guns each; a snow of sixteen; a brigantine of twelve, and armed sloops mounting from eight to twelve carriage guns. A sloop from Rhode Island, and one from Connecticut, had ten or twelve guns each.

The train artillery consisted of eight twenty two pounders, twelve nine pounders, two mortars of twelve inch. one of eleven, and one of nine inch. These were taken from Castle William. Also ten cannon borrowed of Gov. Clinton of New York. These were eighteen pounders. Brig-Gen. Samuel Waldo commanded the land forces, Col. Samuel Moore commanded those of New Hampshire, Lieut-Col. Simon Lothrop those of Connecticut, Lieut-Col. Grindley commanded the artillery. Over the whole was Lieut Gen. William Pepperell.

On April 3rd, 1745, Gov. Shirley made the following communication to the "Gentlemen of the Council and House of Representatives: In pursuance of the resolution of this Court for forming an expedition against the French settlements on Cape Breton, passed the 25th of January last, which is agreeable to His Majesty's pleasure signified to me upon the present rupture with France, 'That I should take all opportunities, as depended upon me, to distress and annoy the French in their settlements, trade and commerce.'

'I have raised three thousand volunteers under proper officers to be employed in his Majesty's service upon that expedition, two thousand eight hundred of which by the twenty-fourth day of last month, and the remainder within two days after were embarked and sailed for Canso were they were to be joined with three hundred and fifty troops more raised by the government of New Hampshire for the same service, upon my application to Gov. Wentworth, and to proceed from thence by the first favorable opportunity to Chappewronge Bay, to which place I expect they will be followed some time this week by five hundred troops more from Connecticut, raised likewise for the same service by that government, upon my application to them.'

During the Siege of Louisbourg many of the sick and wounded were sent to Boston, as is evidenced by the following:

"At a Meeting of the Select men, Oct. 16th, 1745, Voted That Application be made to his Honour, the Lieutenant Governor and Council, to Stop Vessels coming from Cape Breton with sick Persons on board at his Majesty's Castle William until Examined, etc."

Accordingly the following Memorial was agreed to be presented, viz.:

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A Brace of Good Irish Stories

An Irish peasant brought a litter of kittens to a Protestant vicar in a certain town in County Wicklow, requesting him to purchase them. The vicar refused. 'Your riverance, they are good Protestant kittens,' urged Paddy, but his riverance remained obdurate. A few days after the Roman Catholic priest (who had in the meantime been informed of the offer to his brother clergyman) was approached, and on his refusal to make a purchase, the would-be seller urged a sale:

'Sure, father, dear, they aae good Catholic kittens.'

'But how is this man?' replied the priest. 'You said a day or two ago they were good Paotestant kittens'

'And so they were,' said the peasant, 'but their eyes weren't opened.'

Here is another I heard in Ireland recently: A quarrel had taken place at a fair, and a culprit was being sentenced for manslaughter. The doctor, however, had given evidence to show that the victim's skull was abnormally thin. The prisoner, on being asked if he had anything to say for himself, replied, 'No, yer honor: but I would ask was that a skull for a man to go to a fair wid?