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Deprives Us of the Former, And When the Troops Which are only Hired From New England Occasionally and for a Small time Have Returned Home.

As by this Behaviour the Inhabitants Have forfeited all title to their Lands and any further favour from the Government, I called together his Majestyes Council, att Which the Honourable Vice Admirall Boscawen, Rear Admirall Mostyn, assisted to Consider By what Means We Could with the Greatest Security and effect rid Ourselves of a Set of People who would forever have Ben an Obstruction to the Intention of Settling this Colony and that it was now from their Refusall of the Oath Absolutely incumbent Upon Us to Remove.

As their Numbers Amount to Near Seven Thousand Persons the Driving them off With Leave to Go Whither they Please would have Doubtless Strengthened Canada. With so considerable a Number of Inhabitants, and as they have no Cleared Land to Give them at Present, Such as Are Able to Bear Armes Must have been Immediately Employed In Annoying this and the Neighbouring Colonies, to Prevent Such an Inconveniency it was Judged a Necessary, and the Only Practible Measure, to Divide them among the Colonies, Where they May be of Some Use as Most of them Are Healthy Strong People; And as they Cannot easily collecte themselves together again, it will Be out of their Power to Do Any Mischief, And they May Become Profitable and it is possible, in time Faithful Subjects.

As this Step was Indispensibly Necessary, To the Security of this Colony, Upon whose Preservation from French Incroachments, the Prosperity of North America it's esteemed in a Great Measure Dependent, I have not the Least Reason to Doubt of your Excellencys Concurrence And that will receive the Inhabitant's I now send and Dispose of them in Such Manner as May Best Answer our Design in Preventing their Reunion.

As the Vessels employed in This Service are upon Monthly Hire I beg the Favour of You to Expedite as Much as Possible their Discharge And that they May Be Furnished with a Certificate of the Time thereof Agreeable to the form Enclosed.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient and
Most humble Servant

CHAS. LAWRENCE.

Govr. Lawrence to Col. Winslow:

HALIFAX, 11th August, 1755.

SIR,—As I have already pointed out to you as Perticular as Posable what is Necessary to be Done in the Instructions herewith Sent I have Nothing Further to add, but that you must Collect ye Inhabitants together in order to their being Transported in the Best Manner in your Power Either by Stratagem or Force as Circumstances may requirer, but above all I Desire you would Not pay the Least attention to any remonstrance or Memorial from any of the Inhabitants, whatsoever who may be Desirous of staying behinde, but Embarke Every Person if Possable according to the Instructions herewith sent without any further application to me. If you should Finde there any more People then there is Vessels Provided will Contain, Reckoning Two Persons to Each Tun, you are Immediately to Send an Express to acquaint me therewith, but make No Delay in the Embarkation upon that account.

Thoh the Inhabitants by your Instructions by your Instructions are allowed to Carry with them their household Furniture, yet they Must Not put on Board Quantities of useless Rubbish to Encumber the Vessels; the Inhabitants and their Bedding Must at all Events be Embarked, and if afterwards there is room for other articles Suffer them to Carry what they Conventiently Can.

you must order the Masters of the Transports to take care that at the Time of Sailing they have their Proper Quantity of water that is to Say that all their water Cask be Full.