

garrison officers of Annapolis: the most favourable account, is, That Du Vivier acquainted them that he expected (in the mean time they might have good terms of capitulation) from Louisbourg some men of war, one of 70 guns, one of 56 guns, and one of 30 guns, with cannon, mortars, and stores, and a reinforcement of 250 more troops; the answer of the garrison, was, That when this force arrived, it was time enough to make proposals: after he had tarried there three weeks, disappointed and discontented, he retired to Minas; next day after his decamping some trifling vessels with cannon, mortars, and warlike stores, arrived in the basin of Annapolis, and hearing of Du Vivier's being withdrawn, they were afraid of our frigates annoying of them, they soon removed, and as it happened, they narrowly escaped our vessels: Du Vivier from Minas went to \* Bay Vert, and thence to Canada, and from thence home to France.

As the Cape-Sable and St. John's Indians, persisted in their hostilities against the subjects of Great Britain; in November 1744, the government of the Massachusetts-Bay declares war against them, declaring them enemies and rebels; because they had joined the French enemy in blocking up of Annapolis, had killed some British subjects, and had committed other depredations; the Passamaquady, Penobscot, Noridwoag, Pigwacket, and other Indians westward of St. John's, are forbid to have any correspondence with those Indian rebels; for all Indians eastward of a line, beginning at three miles east of Passamaquady, and running north to St. Laurence river; the government settles for a short time premiums, viz. 100 l. new † tenor, for a male of 12 æt. and upwards scalp'd,

\* Bay Vert is the embarkadier from Canada to annoy Annapolis, and other places in Nova Scotia; here are only four miles land-carriage to Chiconesto bay, which falls into the great bay of Fundy of Nova Scotia: upon this pass a fort would be of good service to prevent Canada incursions, and to obviate the perverting of the French inhabitants of L'Accadie from their allegiance to the crown of Great Britain.

† Whereof at present anno 1748, 50 s. is equal to 20 s. st.; old tenor is only one quarter of new tenor.

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