

command of a 40-gun ship, the Ludlow Castle, though he did not receive the rank of Post Captain until July 6th, 1745. In another record I find that he contributed 30£ towards a bell for Christ Church (now called Old North Church). Early during this latter year he was under the command of Commodore Warren at the Leward Islands, but during the spring we find him lying at Boston harbor with the *Bien Aime* of 18 guns, a small prize used as a store ship and awaiting a load of masts for the Old Country. Before sailing, however, he complied with the request of Governor Shirley, of Massachusetts, and joined the squadron of Commodore Warren before Louisburg. His ship at that engagement was the *Mermaid*. In 1756 he was in command of the guardship at Spithead. In a letter to the Admiralty at that time he complains that he cannot afford to be on half pay, as he has a large family, and asks to be transferred to active service. In 1757 he was in command of the *Prince* in service in the Mediterranean. In 1758 in the *St. George* he went to the West Indies under Sir John Moore. He took part in the unsuccessful attack on Martinique. In 1770 he was made Rear Admiral. In 1774 he left England in the *Antelope* for Jamaica. He was commander in the Jamaica station from 1774 to 1778. He was in the *St. George* at the reduction of Guadaloupe. He returned to England in 1778 and was ranked Admiral in 1782. During his last years he was very infirm and lived in retirement at Fareham in Hampshire County. In a book called *Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* there is mention of Philip Gayton, seaman in a list of prisoners sent from Halifax to Boston in the *Cartel* Swift, September 30th, 1778. From the journal of Adonijah Bidwell, captain of the fleet. Journal starts April 14th, 1745, and is entitled *Expedition in Cape Breton*. April 24th says "at Canso bay ye Boston fleet when we arrived there." This Canso lies about eighty leagues from Cape Sable and about twenty leagues from Cape Breton. April 29th about five or six weighed anchor. "The fleet consists of about or near an hundred sail, including Commodore Warren's ships and N. England's Naval forces. Warren has a sixty, a fifty and two forty-gun ships. June 7th we carried the French commander of the *Le Vigilant* with six or more