

Nova Scotia Regiment might embark with ^{1755.} its Artillery, Provisions, and Stores upon the Arrival of the 2000 Stands of Arms from *England* (in case that should happen before his Return to *Boston*) and he had so settled Matters among the *four Colonies of New England*, as to secure the Preparations of the Expedition against *Crown Point* from any Mis-carriage among them during his Absence (both which Busineses necessarily took him up to the 30th of *March*) Mr. *Shirley* then set out, the Snow lying deep on the Ground in *New England*, to meet General *Braddock*, and by the 14th of *April*, after being retarded three Days in his Journey to *New London* by tempestuous Weather, and obliged there to cross the Sound of *New York* with his Carriages and Horses, and travel almost the whole length of *Long Island* by Land, arrived at *Alexandria* in *Virginia*, where Mr. *Braddock* then was, being about 550 Miles from *Boston*.*

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* The giving so particular an Account of the Time, when Mr. *Shirley* set out from *Boston* to meet General *Braddock*, of the Business, which hindered him from setting out sooner, and the Obstacles, he met with in his Journey to *Alexandria*, is occasioned by his being taxed, in a Pamphlet intitled "Geographical, Historical, Political, Philosophical and Mechanical Essays, No. 2. by *Lewis Evans*;" with having, by his dilatory Proceedings, made General *Braddock* wait three Weeks at *Annapolis* and *Alexandria* for an Interview with him; which delayed his March so long as prevented his arriving at Fort *Duquesne* before the *Indians*, who attacked him at the *Monongahela*, joined the *French*;