

Upon this Emergency likewise he represented to the Assembly the imminent Danger, his Majesty's Fort at *Annapolis Royal*, with the whole Province of *Nova Scotia*, was in; and pressed them to enable him to send it immediate Succours; whereupon, with their usual Readiness to exert themselves upon all Occasions for his Majesty's Service and the common Cause, they granted a Bounty and other Encouragements for four Companies of Volunteers of 60 private Men each to enlist, together with three Months Provisions, and the Costs of their Transportation; but as the Charge of maintaining the Garrisons of that Province appertained to the Crown, they left the Pay for the Officers and Men to be provided for by the Governor; who accordingly proceeded to raise them with the utmost Expedition, upon the Faith of his Proclamation: but as the Urgency of the Service would not admit of staying till the whole Complement could be raised, and the Fate of the Province was brought to a Crisis; as soon as 80 of them could be got ready to embark, which was within a few Days, he sent them under Convoy of the *Massachusetts* Snow of 16 Carriage Guns to *Annapolis Royal*, where upon their Arrival they found the Fort had been invested eleven Days by a Body of about 700 *Indians* mix'd with a few *French* Inhabitants in *Indian* Disguise, and the Priest *Le Loutre* at their Head: This Enemy, tho' without Artillery for making regular Breaches, yet as the Works were ruinous and assailable almost on every