

Shirley kept the best soldiers embodied in some remote place, as a force to execute some impolitick project. The conquest of Canada, and the attack upon Crown-point, are recorded as specimens of the wild projects which were to employ the infant forces of Newengland. During this time, the frontiers sustained additional miseries, by having the small forces of the state deducted for purposes which could be of no immediate service to them. The savages committed frequent depredations on the defenceless inhabitants, and the ease with which they gained their prey, encouraged their boldness, and by scattering in small parties, they were able to infest the whole frontier of Newhampshire, from fort Dummer on Connecticut River, to the lowest settlement on Merrimack. During this war, which is known by the name of the Cape Breton war, the town of No. 4 could hardly be said to be inhabited ;