

perpetrate the most horrid acts of cruelty and barbarity on the English on the frontiers of New England, whose scalps or persons were carried to market to Louisburg, Quebec, &c. (not only in time of war, but of peace), and there exchanged for powder, ball, or whatever they wanted. Nor was an entire stop put to these practices * till the beginning of the last war, when being convinced that these French rebels (called neutrals, on account of their having sworn allegiance to the crown of Great Britain) were more inveterate and dangerous enemies than those who were under no such obligation; and finding that every other method to reconcile them to the British government was ineffectual, they were by force deprived of their estates, and with their families totally rooted out of the province, and scattered thro' the other British colonies on the continent.

On the sea-coasts of this province are many safe and convenient harbours; but none equal

* These people, in 1754, when the Duke d'Anville, with a considerable force, came to establish a garrison and settlement at Chebucta, assembled, with a number of Indians, to assist him; and about that time cut off Colonel Noble, with his whole party, at Menis, where he was posted, to keep them in subjection.