

of *his* Performance of what he had promised them, and to add such other Matters therein as Mr. *Shirley* should think most conducive to his Majesty's Service in that Province.

In the same Year the *Massachusetts* Governor received his Majesty's Orders to form a Plan of Civil Government for the Province of *Nova Scotia*, and to draw up such a Scheme for fortifying it, as he judg'd was requisite for putting it into a State of Security ; and to transmit them to the Secretary of State's Office to be laid before his Majesty.

The Inhabitants of *Schiegnecto* had ever since the Treaty of *Utrecht* distinguished themselves above those of the other two Districts of *Nova Scotia*, by a refractory Behaviour towards his Majesty's Government ; in which they were encouraged by their remote Distance from *Annapolis Royal*, and constant Intercourse with the *French* of *Canada*, and were now become justly suspected and dangerous to the Safety of it.

The *Massachusetts* Governor therefore, in his Plan for fortifying the Province proposed that this District, which lay most exposed to the sudden Attacks of the *French*, and the furthest from being succour'd in case of an Assault, should be secured as soon as might be, by a strong Fortress upon the Isthmus, capable of holding a large Garrison, to be built upon the Spot, where the *French* afterwards built *Beau Sejour* ; and the whole Isthmus between the

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