

more practicable for the King's Ships to enter it, in case a naval Armament should be sent against it from *England*; all which would greatly overpay the Expence of the Attempt.

It was not doubted, that the *French* would form another Attempt from *Canada* against *Annapolis Royal* early in the Spring; but as the Fort was then in a much better Posture of Defence by the Repairing of its old Works, and the Addition of new ones, and its Garrison strengthened with the several Reinforcements sent from *Boston*, and it appeared probable to the *Massachusetts Governor*, that the Expedition against *Cape Breton*, which he had determined to set on Foot, would make a considerable Diversion in favour of it, he sent no further Reinforcements to it that Year: Early in the Spring 1745, Mr. *Marin*, as was expected, invested the fort with about 1100 *French Indians* from *Canada*, but could make no Impression upon it; he continued however his Hostilities there, till the Landing of the *New England* Troops upon the Island of *Cape Breton*, whereupon the *French* Governor found means to send for him to come to his assistance; which broke up the Siege of *Annapolis Royal*, and ridded the Province of the Enemy for sixteen Months.

About the Middle of *January* 174 $\frac{1}{2}$  the *Massachusetts* Governor recommended it in a Message to the Assembly to prosecute an Expedition against the Island of *Cape Breton* early in the Spring.