

bard the fort; on the other, that the English flattered themselves they might make their appearance before the place ere the French could have any suspicion of their project. We must, says he, be very quick in our preparations, in order that our march be not retarded, by which the enemy might be confirmed in their suspicion of an attack: if unfortunately they should be apprised of it.

Every thing being ready; on the side of Acadia, for the execution of the attack, on the forts of the Isthmus, Colonel Monckton began, with issuing the 3d of May, in the name of governor Lawrence, a proclamation directing all and every the inhabitants of the French territories beyond the Isthmus, to repair to the English camp, where they were to bring all their arms. (f) This was certainly that same country with respect to which his Britannick Majesty had, (even since the erected forts, *English* as well as *French*,) engaged his formal promise, that no innovation should take place till the commissaries did come to a determination. Colonel Monckton the 16th and 17th of June following bombarded and took the ports of Beaufejour and Gaspereau.

We are now come down to that period wherein the rupture broke out between both courts. It would have happened much sooner, had the court of France had earlier informa-

(f) See original Papers, No. 16.