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of the Transport Vessels taken here have entered Into with the Government ; For your Information as to the terms ; those from Boston will be Nearly the Same, and as you see they are hired By the Month, you will Use all Possible Dispatch to Save Expence to the Publick.

If it is not very Inconvenient I would have you Send the Sloop Dove to Annapolis to take on Board part of the Inhabitants their Destined for Connecticut to which Place that Vessel Belongs.

As Soon as the Transports have Received Their People On Board And Are Ready to Sail, You are to Acquaint the Commander of His Majestyes Ship therewith that He may take them Under Convoy and put to Sea without Loss of Time.

When you have Executied the Business of Shipping oft all that Can Be Collected of the Inhabitants in the District About Mines Bason, You will March your Self or send a Strong Detachment to Annapolis Royal to Assist Major Handfeild in Shipping oft those of that River, And you will so Order it as all the Straglers that May Be Met with by the way May be taken up, and carried to Annapolis in Order to their being Shipped with the Reste.

CHAS. LAWRENCE.

Col. Windsor.

or

Captain Murray

Mines Bason

} Form of the Address to the Governors on the
Continent.

For His Majesty's Especiall Service.

To the Honble. Arthur Dobbs, Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of North Carolina In America, Or to the Commander in Chief of the Said Province for the time Being.

North Carolina.

Hallifax, in Nova Scotia, 11th of August, 1755.

SIR,—The success that has attended His Majesty's Armes in Driving the French from the Encroachments they had Made in the Province, Furnished Me with a Favorable Opportunity of Reducing the French Inhabitants, of this Colony, to a Proper Obedience to His Majesty & Governmente, or forcing them to Quit the Country. These Inhabitants were Permitted to Remain in Quiet Possession of their Lands, Upon Condition they Should take the Oath of Allegiance to the King within One Year after the Treaty of Utrech, by which this Province was Ceded to Great Britain—With this Condition they have Ever Refused to Comply without having at the Same time from the Governor an Assurance in Writing that they Should not be Called Upon to Bear Armes in the Defence of the Province. And With this Generall Phillipps Did Comply, of which Step His Majesty has Disapproved, And the Inhabitants Pretending Therefrom, to be in a State of Neutrality between His Majesty and His Enemies, have Continually Furnished the French and Indians with Intelligence, Quarters, Provisions and Assistance In annoying the Governmente, and While one Part have Abetted the French Incroachments By their Treachery, the Other have Countenanced them by Open Rebellion,

And Three Hundred of them were Actually found In Armes in the French forte at Beaufrejoors when it surrendered.

Notwithstanding all their former Bad Behaviour as His Majesty was Pleased to Allow me to Extend Still further His Royall Grace to Such as would Return to their Duty, I offered Such of them as had Not Ben Openly in Arms Againste us, a Continuance of the Possession of their Lands If they would take the Oath of Allegiance Unqualified with Any Reservation whatsoever, But this they have Most Audaciously as well as Unanimously Refused, And if they would Presume to Do this, when their is a Large Fleet of Ships of War in the Harbour And a Considerable Land Force in the Province, What Might Not wee Expecte from them When the Approaching Winter