

prevented the *New England* troops from following him thither according to their orders. On the last day of *January*, being informed that they were distributed into distant quarters for their accommodation, and being promised assistance by some of the inhabitants, he dispatched a large party of *Canadians* and *Indians*, under Mr. *La Corne*, who in a violent snow storm making a march through the woods, deemed impracticable by the *English*, entered the town at midnight, and surrounded the chief part of them in their quarters, the greatest part of whom were killed, wounded or taken prisoners; the rest of these, and the parties which were not surrounded, forced their way through the enemy to the guard-house, a defensible stone building, whence two companies marched the next morning to attack the enemies head quarters; but after twice discharging their musquetry they were obliged to retreat. The day following Mr. *La Corne* proposed a parley, which being consented to they agreed that each party should bury their dead. He then proposed these terms of capitulation, that upon surrendering the fort they should have leave to march out with drums beating, colours flying, and other usual honours of war; a sufficient quantity of ammunition and provisions allowed to serve them in their march back to *Annapolis*, and necessaries for carrying off their sick and wounded; and that they should quit *Minas*, and not bear arms in any part of *Nova Scotia* during the term of one year, to which they submitted. The killed, wounded and prisoners taken in this action by the *French* amounted to about 160, and the *Canadians* and *Indians* killed and wounded by the *English* were computed to be between 50 and 60. Mr. *La Corne* quitted *Minas* in a few days, leaving a small party there under command of an inferior officer.

Mr. *de Ramsay* on gaining this advantage, in the name of the governor of *Canada*, issued declarations to the *French* inhabitants, requiring them to take up arms whenever they should be called upon by him against the *English*, on pain of death,