

soon as possible; but really its my Opinion that seven Years will pass before they can clear it of the Trunks of the Trees that have been cut. In a Word, I cannot indulge myself in any sanguine Expectation as to the Success of this New Colony, from the above Considerations, and from others more terrible and discouraging, that now I begin to relate.

About *March* the 20th, the Spring begins to succeed a very sharp and rigorous Winter, which lasts from about *November* the 10th, for four Months and near an half, and is much more terrible, with dreadful Showers of Snow, that sometimes continue violent for two Days, and cover the Country, making the Ground three Feet higher than before. These Showers come from all Points of the Compass, but those which proceed from the N. W. and N. W. by N. are the most piercing, it being impossible to endure them. If the Winter in *Nova Scotia* be as mild as it was terrible in *Scotland* in the Year 1740, the Season is reckoned temperate and good.

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