

immediately joined by two regiments from Louiſ-  
bourg; then having pitched upon a ſpot for the ſet-  
tlement, he ſet his people to work in clearing the  
the ground, in order to lay the foundation of a  
town. This ſpot was very near the harbour, on an  
easy aſcent, commanding a proſpect of the whole pe-  
niſula, and was well ſupplied with ſmall rivers of  
freſh water. Here on a regular plan he began to  
build a town, to which he gave the name of Halifax,  
in honour of the nobleman, who cheriſhed the infant  
colony with paternal affection.

The French court piqued at the views of the Eng-  
liſh, in eſtabliſhing ſuch a powerful colony, very  
ſtrongly remonſtrated againſt it, in a memorial  
which, the Sieur Durand, the French chargé d'affaires  
at London, delivered to the Britiſh miniſtry in June  
1749: Herein the French king propos'd the appoint-  
ment of commiſſaries from both nations, who were  
to ſettle in an amicable manner, the limits of the re-  
ſpective colonies. This propoſal was agreed to, and  
ſome time after, Wm. Shirley governor of Maſſa-  
chuſets Bay in New England, and Wm. Mildmay  
Eſqrs. were appointed on the part of Great Britain,  
and repaired to Paris, to ſettle the diſputes with the  
Count de la Galiffoniere, governor of Canada, who  
was called home for that purpoſe, and M. de Silhop-  
ette commiſſaries on the part of France.

It is proper to obſerve, that on the nomination of  
theſe commiſſaries, the two courts agreed expreſly to  
this ſtipulation "That no fortification, new ſettle-  
ment, or innovation, ſhould be attempted on thoſe  
countries, the fate of which was to be finally de-  
termin'd by their ſentence." Notwithſtanding  
this mutual ſtipulation, the French ſent quite different  
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