

ganized government, to stretch forth its protecting arm, in any case of danger, the misery might have been in a degree alleviated. But the infancy of our country did not admit of this blessing. While Governor Shirley of Massachusetts, was petitioning to England for a fleet and an army, Benning Wentworth the supine Governor of Newhampshire, obeyed implicitly the advice of his friend Shirley, and remained inactively secure at his seat at Portsmouth. At the commencement of the year seventeen hundred and forty five, the Quixotick expedition to Louisburg was projected, the success of which originated from the merest accident, rather than from military valor or generalship; this drained the thinly inhabited state of Newhampshire of most of its effective men. From that period till the peace, which took place in the year seventeen hundred and forty nine, the visionary schemes of