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1749.

Town of  
Hallifax,  
why so  
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Disturbed  
by the  
French.

one of the most secure and commodious havens in the whole world, and situated about midway between cape Canseau and cape Sable. Which town was named HALLIFAX in honour of the noble Earl of that title, who then presided over the board of trade and plantations, and had in a particular manner distinguished his judgment and capacity in executing the plan, and his patriotic zeal in the remarkable diligence and trouble with which he cherish'd and establish'd that infant colony<sup>m</sup>.

Immediately upon the appearance of this powerful body, reinforced with two regiments from Cape Breton, and a company of rangers from Annapolis, the only fort at that time belonging to Great Britain, on the peninsula, the French settlers, who, in time of peace, had affected to call themselves *Neutrals*; but, upon every dispute between the two crowns, intrigued with the Indians, and join'd with their own countrymen in support of their usurpations, encroachments and hostilities; either were compelled by M. de la Corne, or they rejected the protection of Great Britain, drove away their cattle, burnt their houses, and withdrew to St. John's, &c.

This was follow'd by open hostilities. A party of French and Indians, in their interest, seized upon a vessel belonging to Boston, in New England, *Beath*, Master, at or near Canseau; and Cap-

<sup>m</sup> The expence incurred this year, by the new colony of Nova-Scotia, appears by the estimates laid before parliament to exceed 76,000l.

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