

In 1710, her Majesty Queen Anne, listening to their repeated complaints and solicitations, sent a squadron, and some land-forces under Colonel Nicholson, who took Port Royal, and, in honour to the Queen, called it Annapolis, bringing the whole country into subjection; and at the treaty of Utrecht it was absolutely yielded to Great Britain, by an express article in that treaty. Those of the inhabitants who chose to remain, were to become British subjects, and enjoy their religion so far as the laws of Great Britain would admit. And in order to secure their obedience, and to keep possession of the country, a garrison was kept at Port Royal, and another small one at Canso; but still no government was established, nor any suitable encouragement given to our people to settle there; so that things gradually dwindling, the inhabitants, in spite of their oaths of allegiance, soon began to consider themselves as French subjects again; and accordingly, in 1744, assisted a party of French in the reduction of the fort at Canso, and made an attempt upon Annapolis; but without success, that garrison being seasonably relieved from New England. They continued to commit hostilities themselves, at least secretly, and to supply and encourage the eastern Indians to

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