

5-6 EDWARD VII., A. 1906

comes on Friday from Annapolis to the upermost Housses & to Examin Every Individual by the List & if any Fowle Play is about Shall Make Examples as Instructed.

My whale Boat is not yet returned from Chignecto. I Cant Conceive the reason, nor the Provision Vessels, nor Adams Heard of. Hope Every thing with you is agreeable. have here five Transportes. Sopose you have Two and when the Provisions arrive will Divide agreeable to the Number as I am Perswaded the Government has not Provided Sufficiant Vessels. René Leblances Son has behaved as well as his Father and the French Say has Prevented ye young men from Going of and belive he May be Trusted.

*Capt. Alex. Murray to Col. John Winslow.*

FORTE EDWARD, 8th Sept. 1755.

DEAR SIR,—I reced your Favor and am Exstreamly Pleased that things are So Clever at Grand Pré and that the Poor Devils are So resigned. here they are more Patient then I Could have Expected for People in their Circumstances and Which Stil Surprises me more is the Indifference of the women who really are or Seem Quite unconcerned.

When I think of those of Annapolis I applaud our thoughts of Summoning them in. I am afraid their will be Some Lives Lost before they are Got together, you Know our Solidiers Hate them and if they can find a Pretence to Kill them, they will.

I am Vastly Happy to think your Camp is So well Secured it (as the French Said) at least a Good Prison for Inhabitants.

I Long Much to See the Poor wretches Embarked and our affar a Little Settled and and then I will do my Self the Pleasure of Meeting you and Drinking their Good Voyage.

Sept. 10. The French this Morning Discovered Some Uncommon Motions among them Selves which I did Not Like. Called my officers together and Communicated to them what I had observed, and after Debating Matters it was Determined Neme Contra Dissent, that it would be best to Divide the Prisoners, and that as there was Five Transporte Idle which Came from Boston, it would be for ye Good of his Majesty's Service and that it Tended to the Better Security of the whole, That Fifty men of the French Inhabitants be Embarked on Board Each of the five Vessels, taking First all their young men, and that Capt Adams in the Warren be Desiered and Directed as he was a Vessel of Force & in his Majesty's Service to Take the Transportes under his Directions aud when the Prisoners were Embarked to Give Such Orders to the Masters of the Transportes as would be best for his Majesty's Service, and also Determind that Six Non Commission officers or Private men be put on Board Each Transporte as a gaurd and that Capt Adams and the Masters be Immediately Ordered to Get things in readiness for that Service after which I Sent for Father Landrey (a) Their Principal Speaker who Talks English and Told him the Time was Come for part of the Inhabitants to Embarke and that the Number Concluded for this Day was 250 and that we Should begin with the young men and Desiered he would Inform his bretherin of it. he was greatly Surprised. I Told him it must be Done and that I Should order the whole Prisoners to be Drawn up Six Deep, their young men on the Left, and as the Tide in a Very Little time Favoured my Design Could not Give them above an Houer to Prepare for going on Board, and ordered our whole Party to be under Arms and Post them Selves between the Two Gates & the Church in the rear of my Quarters, which was obeyed, and agreeable to my Directions The whole of the French Inhabitants were Drawn together In one Body their young men as Directed on the Left. I then ordered Capt Adams with a Lievt 80 Non Commission officers and Private Men to Draw of from

(a) François Landry, born in 1692, son of Antoine Landry and Marie Thibodeau, Married at Grand Pré, May 27, 1711, Marie Joseph Ducet by whom he had a large family. They were deported in 1755, to Massachusetts Bay, and, in the fall of 1766, came to Sr. Jacques de L'Achigan, P.Q., where he died and was buried at L'Assomption on April 21, 1767.