

brought the whole into that state of distress and danger represented by the governor, solicitous for its preservation, in his letter of the 9th of *May* 1750, to the lieutenant governor A. D. 1750. of *Massachusetts Bay*, as follows.

“ Sir,

“ I wrote you some time ago my thoughts concerning the
 “ *Massachusetts* province remaining at peace with the *Indians*,
 “ while they under the direction of the *French* are doing
 “ every mischief in their power in *Nova Scotia* — I acquainted
 “ you that I had sent a detachment under the command of
 “ major *Laurence* to dislodge the *French* and *Indians* from
 “ *Chinecto*, and to establish themselves there — Four hundred
 “ men, regulars and rangers, was all the force I could pru-
 “ dently spare: I had very strong reasons for sending this
 “ detachment at this time rather than wait for additional
 “ forces from *England*.”

“ I was sure the *French* could not have raised any consider-
 “ able works in winter, but that they would undoubtedly
 “ make some works of consequence this spring, and if joined
 “ heartily by the inhabitants might execute such a work as it
 “ would be very difficult to master — It was not altogether
 “ certain that more force should be sent from home, nor
 “ could the time of their arrival be depended upon.”

“ I knew that *La Corne* and *Loutre*, and the other priests
 “ at *Chinecto*, have been doing such mischief in this province
 “ as one nation never attempted towards another in profound
 “ peace — I know that they made the *St. Johns* tribe break
 “ their treaty — I know they set the *Micmacs* against us —
 “ They made the inhabitants of *Chinecto* swear allegiance to
 “ the *French* king — That *Loutre* has been more than once at
 “ *Cobequid* to stir the other inhabitants to rebellion --- That
 “ messengers, promises and threats have been constantly sent to
 “ his majestys subjects the *French* inhabitants all over the pro-
 “ vince,