

arm, and his Guns double-shotted, did terrible Execution ; and so hot was the Fire, that the *French Officers* found it impossible to keep their Men to their Quarters ; so that in about three Quarters of an Hour she struck. There were about 50 Men killed in the *Alcide*, and about double the Number wounded. In the *Dunkirk* seven were killed, and about 15 or 16 wounded. The *Lys* was taken by the *Defiance* and *Fogaux*, and in both Ships 600 Soldiers with their Officers, and 50,000 Crowns in Money.

This was a happy Prelude (we hope) to farther Successes. And indeed it was not long before the same good Fortune attended our Arms on Land ; as will appear from the following Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Governor *Lawrence*, to Sir *Thomas Robinson*, dated *Halifax*, June the 28th 1755.

I have the Honour to acquaint you, that the *French Fort* at *Beaufejour* surrendered to Lieut. Col. *Monckton* the 16th Instant, and the next Day a small Fort upon the River *Gaspereau*, running into the Bay *Verte*, where the *French* had their principal Magazine for supplying the *French* Inhabitants and *Indians*. In these Forts was found a great Quantity of Provisions and Stores of all Kinds, of which Col. *Monckton* has not yet had Time to transmit me a particular Account. I inclose you the Terms of Capitulation. Notwithstanding the Fort at *Beaufejour* had 26 Pieces of Cannon mounted, they surrendered, after four Days Bombardment, before we had mounted a single Cannon upon our Batteries. Our Loss upon this Occasion, is very inconsiderable, not above 20 killed, and as many wounded. Major *Preble* of the Irregulars is slightly wounded ; Ensign *Tongue*, of Major Gen. *Warburton's* Regiment, acting as Sub-Engineer, received a Shot in his Thigh, as he was taking a Survey of the Ground for Trenches and Batteries to be raised against the Fort ; and Ensign *Hay*, of Col. *Hopson's*, who had been taken Prisoner by the *Indians*, in going alone from our Fort to the Camp, was killed by one of our Shells in the *French* Fort, which fell through a Sort of Casemate, and also killed three *French* Officers, and wounded two more.

At Col. *Monckton's* first Arrival, the *French* had a large Number of Inhabitants and *Indians*, 450 of which were posted at a Block-house, which they had on their Side of the River *Messaguash*, to defend the Pass of that River.

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