

That the transports were kept near three months after the French Neutrals were ready for embarkation at an immense expense, and the New England troops kept six months after their service was over, and this for two special reasons: one to oblige them to enlist into the regulars, and the other to defeat General Shirley in raising a sufficient number of troops necessary for the summer's campaign. By which means Oswega was lost, and the expedition to Crown Point rendered abortive. We appeal to General Shirley for the truth of this.

That the cattle, etc., etc., of the Acadians were converted to private uses, of which we know 3,600 hogs, and near 1,000 head of cattle were killed and packed at Piguit alone and sent by water to other places; and what at other forts is yet a secret, all unaccounted for to the amount of a very large sum; and he and his commissary are now under great perplexity, and contriving to cover this iniquitous fraud.

That £30,000 has been laid out on batteries not worth thirty pence for the defence of this place in the judgment of every person acquainted therewith.

It is possible he may produce vouchers to cover all his frauds, for, if the true ones should fall short, he has those under him who have been used to such kind of work and can readily supply the deficiency. But, if a Governor was sent out with orders to inquire into these, or at least to take depositions, we are very sure the whole will be clearly made to appear.