

harbor with the two regiments of Hopson and Warberton on board, from Louisburg. The assistance, as well as the security we shall receive from them, will greatly forward our settlement, the officers having brought all their furniture, a great number of milch cows, and other stock, besides military stores. We have already cleared about 20 acres, and every one has a hut by his tent. Our work goes on briskly, and the method of employing the people in ships' companies has a good effect, and as the Governor is preparing to lay out the lots of land, we shall soon have a very convenient and pleasant town built, which is to be called Halifax. There are already several wharves built, and one gentleman is erecting a saw mill; public store houses are also building, and grains of various sorts have been sown. We have received constant supplies of plank and timber for building, and fresh stock and rum in great quantities, 20 schooners frequently coming in on one day. We have also a hundred cows and some sheep brought down to us by land by the French at Minas, which is about 30 miles distant from the bottom of the bay, and to which we purpose to cut a road, the French Deputies who came to make their submission having promised to send us 50 men for the purpose, and to assist us as far as they are able; we have received the like promise and friendship and assistance from the Indians, the chief having been with the Governor for that purpose. In short every thing is in a very prosperous way. But I should be equally unjust and ungrateful were I to conclude without paying the

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