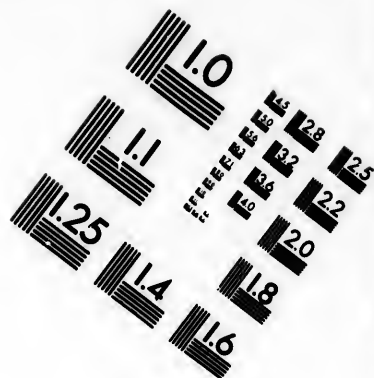
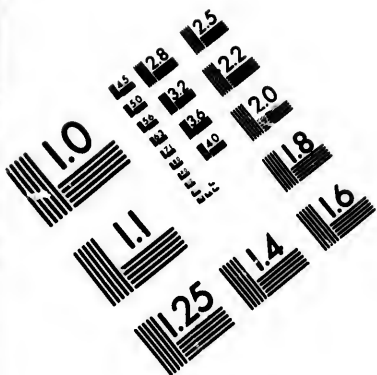
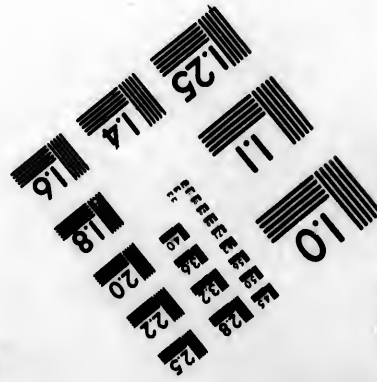
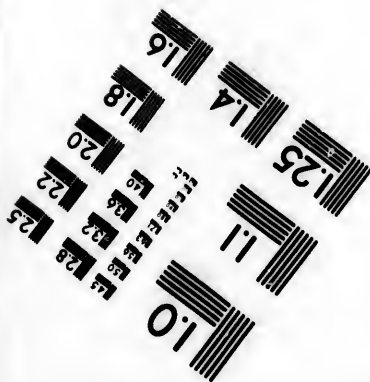
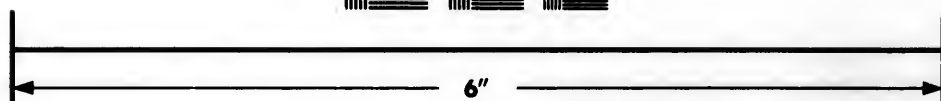
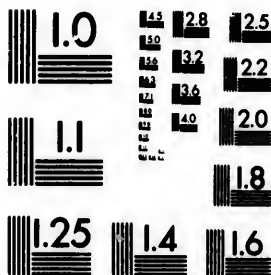




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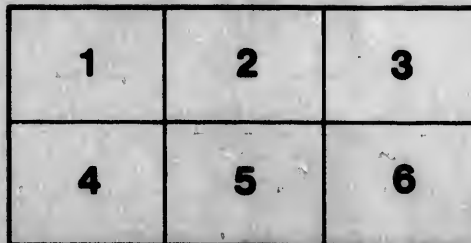
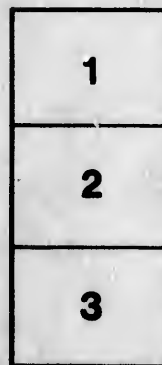
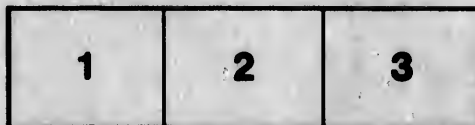
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old fort there, with a very little expence, might have been repaired into a defensible fort. Upon a seeming confirmation of this report, Capt. *Rous*, in the *Albany* sloop of war, was sent thither to know the truth of it; and with orders, as is supposed, to dispossess them: On his return we found that the *French* had attempted nothing near the mouth of the river; but that they were about to secure themselves at some considerable distance from it, at a place the *French* governor claimed as a southern boundary of *Canada* or *New France*. This being in a country inhabited by *Indians*, and the navigation of the river being unknown to most of the *English*, nothing farther could then be done.

In September or October following, *Monf. le Corne* an experienced *French* officer, at the head of 70 regular troops, and a party of *Canada* irregulars, was sent to take post at the isthmus of *Chignecto*, being about 40 leagues eastward of that river, and of the extent of a line they claim, from lake *Champlain* to the westward on the back of *New England*, to the gulph of *St Lawrence*. To this place the *Indians* resorted, to the number of 300; who fixing here their head quarters, made several incursions upon the peninsula since; but have seldom done any mischief.

As the *Nova Scotia French* in that part of the province are the most disaffected of any, and have always behaved with contempt to the *British* government, tho' possessed of a very fine country, Governor *Cornwallis*, who had indulged them in a long term of deliberation in regard to the taking the oaths to his majesty, to no purpose, sent a strong party, consisting of near 500 troops and rangers (to take possession of *Chignecto*, and to break up the rendezvous of the *French* and *Indians*) commanded by Major *Lawrence* of *Warburton's* regiment.

The *Albany* sloop, and several sloops and schooners, were sent round to *Minas*, where the forces embarked on the 20th of April, and arriving safe, landed at *Chignecto* the 23d. On their approach to the town, which consisted of about 140 houses and two churches, the *Indians*, probably induced by the *French* commandant, reduced the whole to ashes in a few hours, and the inhabitants crossing the river, threw themselves under his protection, on what they call the *French* side of the line. The reason assigned for their burning the town is, that it stood on ground they pleased at present to call *English*.

Extract of a Letter from a Person of note in Nova Scotia, communicated to the Publick by a Merchant, to supply the defects and errors of other accounts.

WHEN the Fleet from England arrived here last summer, it was reported that the *French* governor of *Canada* had posted a detachment, consisting of an officer and sixty regular troops, at *St John's* river on the north side of the bay of *Fundy*, and in the heart of this province; This was more easily credited, as the ramparts of an

As many of the inhabitants had taken arms, making their united force consist (as they say) of near 1500 armed men, the major sent a flag of truce (they having hoisted a *French* flag) to know the reason of their acting in this hostile manner, and afterwards had an interview with M. *le Corne*; upon which our forces reembarked, and are safely returned to *Minas*.

What passed at this interview is not made publick, but it is probable the enemy were too well secured, and had too great a superiority, to make an attempt practicable.

This line, which the *French* would now extend their claim to, will range easterly from *Crown point* nearly in the latitude of 44 deg. 30 minutes; which will not only cut off some millions of acres, the indisputable property of the *New-England* colonies; but falling into a place called *Penobscut Bay*, gives the *French* near three quarters of *Accadia*, or *Nova Scotia*, according to its ever known and acknowledged boundaries, and above 100 leagues of fine sea coast, covered with innumerable islands, fine harbours and fishing banks, that will in time of war put it in their power to cut off the whole trade of the northern colonies, ruin the settlement we are making, and begger the whole continent; besides furnishing them with a fertile country covered with an inexhaustible stock of trees and timber, for building and masting their navy; and appears to me of much more consequence to the nation, than the scorched neutral islands of *Tobago*, *St Lucia*, &c.

6 Nova Scotia 1755

