

which they hoped to see in 4 Days from that time. They had Letter Bk. II. lost only 4 Men on their March from Fort Cumberland by the Enemy. The Indians have not been quite so favourable to our Distant Inhabitants & those who dwelt in the frontier Cities of Virg^a. We heard some time ago that 2 parties of them have been seen in that Dominion where they have cut off 9 Families & I have particular Acc^{ts} that 26 of our Back Setlers have met with the same Fate. They are raising 2 Companies of Rangers in Virg^a for the Protection of their Frontiers but in vain have I applied to our Assembly for means to protect ours also. Gov^r Shirley with the Remainder of his own & S^r W^m Pepperells Regiment sailed from New York for Albany about a week since. I suppose they are e'er this on their march to Oswego. from the Northern Gazettes which are just brought hither we learn that the N England Troops that sailed to Nova Scotia in May had been joined by some of the Regulars there & had taken the French Fort lately called Beau Sejour, at the Head of the Bay of Fundy, when it surrendered the 16th of June there were found therein 24 Cannon some of them 12 pounders together with a great plenty of Ammunition & Provisions. The two French Garrisons on Bay Verte had on the news of Beau Sejour's being taken sent to Capitulate. From Boston we are advised that one Capt Jones arrived there the 25th of June from Hallifax & informs them that the 20th of that month Capt Spry in his Majestys Ship Fogena brought in there the Alcide a French Ship of War of 64 Guns taken by Admiral Boscawen's Squadron off Louisburg. The English Fleet had also taken the Lys a 74 Gun Ship with 8 Companies of French Troops on Board, several Officers & Engineers & the Military Chest. Capt Spry also carried in with him a French Brigantine & a Schooner. p. 105

Admiral Boscawen continues to cruize between Cape Sable & the Gulf of S^t Lawrence & has sent Expresses it is said for all his Majestys Ships in N America to join him.

[Innes to Dinwiddie.]

Original.

Honourd S^{ir}

My letter of the 18th Iune brough you the Defenceless situation that I was left in here notwithstanding in all this time I have not seen the feace of one Single Person come here as Militia from Either Virginea or Marey Land either to strengthen the Defence of the Place or to be readdey as Escorts for sending Out with Provisions. Depending upon some Succers I have from time to time Detatch^d party after party to the Army so that I now have verey few reall healthy men to do the Dewty.