

Journal of Colonel John Winslow of the Provincial Troops, while engages in the Siege of Fort Beausejour in the Summer and Autumn of 1755, in T.B. Akins, ed., *Selections from the Public Documents of the Province of Nova Scotia* (Halifax, 1869), 141-230. (selections)

BAY OF FUNDY, JUNE 1^{TS}. 1755.

June 1. Sailed From Annapolis on Board his Majtys Ship Success, John Rouse Esqr. Commander the whole Fleet Consisting of Forty one Sail. Got out of the Gut at Eight and Stood up the Bay, the Wind Blew Fresh Passd by the Isle of Holt, Cape Chignecto, anchored about Sun Setting, about five miles Distance from Forte Laurance at the Place where the Men of War usually Anchor.

NEAR CAPE CHIGNECTO, BAY OF FUNDY JUNE 1ST 1755.

From on Board his Majestys Ship Success John Rouse Esqr. Commandr.

HOND. SIR,

I take this Opportunity to Inclose to your Honr a a [sic] Cobby of my Instructions Reced from his Excellency Govr Shirley and to acquaint you that agreeable thereto I am now under the Command of Colo Monckton, Commander in Chief of ye Expedition and that the two Battallions Consist of about 1950 Men, officers Included, Now on Board the Transportes, and that the Men in General in Good Health & Spirits and all wish to be at Land Exspect to-morrow will be the Day, have Taken this Oppertunity from the Ship to pay My Duty to your Honr as, I Expect our First Landing will be a time of Action, which should it Hapen, Hope all Concernd will do their Duty as becomes their Station, and behave in Such a Maner as to Gaine the approbation of your Honr and all Well wishes to the British Interest which is the Highest Ambition of your Honrs Most Obediant and Most Humble Servant.

To the Honble Charles Lawrance Esqr.
Lievt Govr & Commandr in Chief of
His Majtys Province of Nova Scotia. }

JOHN WINSLOW.

June 2nd. ON BOARD HIS MAJESTYS SHIP SUCCESS, JOHN ROUSE ESQR COMMANDER AT A COUNCIL OF WAR, HELD ON BOARD SD SHIP.

John Rouse Esqr President.

Washington Shirley Esqr Commander of his Majtys Ship Mairmaid

Proby Esqr Commander of his Majtys Ship Sirene
Lievt Colo Monckton Lievt Colo Winslow
Lievt Colo Scott Capt Hale
Capt Spittle Capt Broome

Majr Preble Majr Frye
Majr Goldthwait Majr Bourn.

Resolved. That The Troops Proceed up in the Transportes, upon the Tide and Land as Near as they Can to Forte Lawrance this afternoon &c.

Leievt Colo Winslow orders that the whole of Govr Sherleys Regt be Completed to Twenty Cartherages Each Man.

At Four of the Clock in the afternoon the Several Transports wayed, and Stood up the Bay with the Troops on Board; at about Six Part of the Vessels run on Shore on a Pointe of Marsh between River Massaquash and the River Leblanck and Poot into a Creek Called Galips Creek, Colo Monckton with the Later parts and I with ye former and Landed on the Marsh Where I happened to be the First Boat on Shore: Drew up the Battallion as the Men Landed ye First on the right the Second on the Left. Mett with no opposition, Nor the Sight of an Enemy. at Seven March for Fort Lawrance which was Distant from our First Landing about arrived at the Forte at Sun Setting. Lodged our Men in Barns & out Houses. Tooke up my Gwn Quartars at Cobbs where I was Kindly Received.

June 3rd. At a Council of War Resolved to March tomorrow Morning at Brake of the Day in order to Seige to Forte Beausejour.

Got Sundry of our Necessarys from Board our Store Ship and Transporte, repositied them at Capt Cobbs. Gott our Tents & Camp Necessarys on Shore Ddd out Flints, Camp Kittles Canteens &c. Pitched our Tents & Encamp in Two Divisions, Each Battallion by it Self. the Men all Lodged in their Tents.

4. Struck our Tents Early in the Morning At Six. all things being Ready Began our March from Forte Lawrance for Forte Beausejour in this Maner. Capt Adams of the First Battallion with the advand Gaurd Consisting of Sixty Men. Then Colo Monckton with the Regulars and Traine amount to about 300 Men; after whome Marchd Colo Scott with the Second Battallion. The Rear Brought up by my Self with the First Battallion, and in this Scituation we Marcht with four Cannon Shorte Six Pounders Brass on Carrages Drawn by a Party of New England Troop under the Command of Capt. Stertevant. Got on but Slowly as We had our Baggage & warlike Stores with wheel carages, and in many Places obliged to Make & Mend Roads as most of our way was over the Marsh where the Dikes had been Cut Down. at about Eleven. about Three miles Distance from Fort Lawrance at a Place called Ponte Abute on a Fine Marsh where the Road Leads accrose the River Mussaquash over which the French Had a Bridge, but now Demolished, the W Side of which the French Claim and had Erected a Block House & Mounted with Some Small Cannon & Swivells and had Thrown up a Brest worke and Posted them Selves Extreably well to oppose our Laying a Bridge or Passing the River and where Mixt with their Regular Troops Inhabitants and Indians to the amount of 400 Men. and lay undiscovered. Till our Arrival Near the Bridge at about Two or Three Hundred yards Distance when without the Least Notice they Gave us their Full Fire from their Block House and Musquetry (all under Cover) which was Briskly Returd by the advanced Party. the Regulars and the Fronte Part of the Second Battallion, on which Capt Brome with the Train Son Prepared and Brought to Bear on the Enemy his four Peices of Cannon & Fired on their Block House and Party in the Quickest Maner that Ever I saw; and after about a Quarter of an Houer in this Maner Disputing the French thought Proper to Sett their Block House and Village on Fire. but Stil Continued with there Musquetry to annoy us Not with Standing which we March up to the Bridge and Lade it. and as the Second Battallion where Divided Partly Posted on the Dikes &c. & our Battallion Stood Drawn up in order and Intier I Reced orders from

Colo Monckton to, advance to Joyne with & cover their Passage over the Bridge which was Immediately Put in Execution the Passage Gained. Notwithstanding the Ennemy's Musquetry Stil Continuing their Fire and that from one Cover to another til we Gained the Top of the Hill. this Dispute Lasted about an Hower, and a Great Deal of Shot Spent. and in which we had a Serjant of the Regulars Kild and three wounded. four wounded of Each of our Battallions and two of The Traine of the Enemy by the best Account. one Indian & Three Frenchmen Kild & Many wounded. after the Ingagement was over we Halted and refreshed our Men. Put our wounded into carts and Marcht on within Less then Two Miles of the Forte & Turned out from the Main Road to the Right where we Halted in the wood vizt. The First Battallion Next the wood. the Second Next the Forte. the Regulars and the train in the Center & thus Ended this Day.

June 5. We Removed our Forces about half a Mile Nearer the French Fort Lookt out the Ground and Incampt from the Marsh to the Top of the Hill and is between the Marsh and the Rhoad that Leads from Forte Beausejour to Bay of Verte which is about half a Mile accrose vizt the Regulars next to the Marsh on a Plaine Clear Ground the Second Battallion in the Center the First next to the Road. Placed our Gaurds & Centrys. Disturbd at Night by the Fire of the Enemy on our Guards &c.

6. Sett all hands at worke to Clear the Camp that where of Duty Capt. Silvanus Cobb Came up the River with Stores in his Sloop on whome the French Fired from their Forte and a Number with Smal Arms From behind the Dikes on which we Detached a Party to Cobbs assistance which Soon Drove the Enemy back to their fort and without Loss to us.

7. Parole Cumberland. Counter Sign Frends to Nova Scotia. A Return to be Given to the Brigadr Major of the Number fit for Duty in Each Corps that Camp Duty May be Proportiond accordingly. the Guards of the Camp are not to Make any Fires at Night but to Keep them Selves Conceald and as Silent as Possible in Case of Alarm the Several Corps are to Stand to their Arms but not to Fire Unless they are attacked and then only by Command from their officers. The Roll of Each Company to be Calld in the Presence of an officer at Tattoo Beating which the Drums are to Beat at Sun Sett. the ordinary Guards for the Security of the Camp to Perrade at sd Time. An officer and 29 Men to assist the Lievt of the Man of War to Unload Coverley. Divers Vessels with Cannon, Stores &c., Came up the River on whom the French Fired but without Success. this Day Puld Down our Brush Houses, Cleared the Land and Pitched our Tents. Made a Fence or Brest worke with the ruins of our Houses with Brush & wood to Defend us from the Enemys Breaking in upon our Incampment.

Friday 11 oClock. Sir we have only been able to Get up Cobbs Vessel the others not being able to Come up this Tide ye Provisions will be up this Evening & I have ordered up some Rum Immeatly which I will give to the Men as soon as it Comes

I am yr Humble Sert.
R. MONCKTON.

June 8. Reced orders from Colo Monckton to Head a Party of Three Hundred Men to View the Ground near the Forte with an Ingeneir vizt Mr Tunge and to Look out a Proper Place from whence to Make an attack. Proceeded on throh woods &c. at Length arived near a Hill the Place Proposed where the Enemy had Posted them Selves in an advantages maner under the Cover of Rocks &c. from whence upon our approach they made a Smart Fire upon us but over Shott us. the advanced Guard Led by Lievt Alexander, the Main Body by my Self who Immediatly Joyned ye advanced Guard. Gave Three Cheers and March Briskly up the Hill. Gave them our Fire. Dislodged from their Post and so from Place to Place til they recovered the Forte, we advanced with in 600 yds of the Garrison under

the Cover of Rocks and Hills in General thoh in Some Places Exposed to open View and that not with standing the Fire of their Cannon. Lieut Colo Scott with 100 Men Came to our assistance in about an Hour after our Taken Possession of the Ground.

I Detached Ensign Gay with a Party to acquaint Colo Monckton that we had Taken Possession of the Ground and thought it a Place Fit for our Purpose, and In Case we were to Keep it desired a reinforcement. Had this return.

Sir, Colo Monckton Desires me to acquaint you that your Post Cannot be Supported at Present, it may be Possesed at any time when the Stores are on Shore and the Vessels returned for which reason he would have you return.

I am Sir, your Most obedient

To Colo Winslow.
MONCREIFFE.

After Receiving of this in about half an Hour I returned to the Camp in a Different Road round by the Marsh of Olake, rained very hard & was Sufficiently wett.

ORDERS. Pattrol Halifax. Countersign Friends to Nova Scotia. A return was Ordered to be Given of the Strength of Each Company which has not been Given by Colo Winslow & Colo Scots Battallions it is Desiered that they may be Given in to-morrow Morning. Fifty Men of the Two Battallions are wanted for work tomorrow at Day Brake, the Two Battallions Each at Night one Company in the Fronte of the Battallion and another in the rear, and in the Day time are to have a Subbaltern and Thirty men.

The Party with me this Day Took a French Soldier and the French and Indians Took Mr Hay an officer in Govr Hobsons Regt in the afternoon Majr Barlong arived from Forte Beausejour with a Flag of Truce. Informd us that Mr. Hay was well & Told us that he was Greatly Supprisd that English Subjects Should Molest them in a time of Profound Peace. Discount &c., (Sic)

1755. June 9. Patrol Boston. Countersign Friends to Nova Scotia.

The Field officers are Desiered to see the Complement of Men ordered for worke Sent down Peticularly at the time Desiered, as the Store keeper Complains that a Great many Tools are Issued that are Not Returned and these Tools are So Essential to the Service we are upon it is Expected that Every officer will exhort him Self in Preserving them as much as Possible.

The Commanding officer observing this Day a Great and Unusial Exspence of Amunition. Some having Fired Two or Three rounds it is Therefore ordered that the Men be acquainted that they will be Chargd Two pence Sterling for every Cartridge which is not Expended in actual Service or by order from their officers, all orders which Concern the men are to be Published to them by an officer.

JUNE THE 10TH.

SIR, The Vessel that is to Carry my Letters for Hallifax will Sail tomorrow Morning and Some time tomorrow Evening I Propose Sending one to Boston.
I am Sir, your Very Humble Servant,

To Colo Winslow.
ROBT. MONCKTON

Sent a Desier to Capt Hambelton with a Desier as Such Men who were not well on the Third Instant & were now recovd and fit for Duty might be Sent to the Camp on which I recd This answer.

JUNE 10TH 1755.

SIR I am Favoured with your Message and Shall to Night or to morning at Farthest Send you all the Supernumary People of your Detachment as well as those of the others. I Heartily wish you Perfect Health and am with great Regards Dr Sir your most Obedient Servant

To Colo Winslow at Beausejour.
HAMILTON

BEAUSEJOUR. JUNE 10TH 1755 Pattrole Braddocke.

A Guard of one Capt. Three Subbalterns & 150 Private men to Perade this Evening at Gun Firing as a Gaurd over the Cannon and Stores on the Top of the Hill. the Gaurds of Each Battallion as usual.

This Day Finished Getting up our Cannon and War Like Stores. all up to the Place ordered by the Rhoad on the right Hand of my Camp.

JUNE 10TH 1755.

SIR as the New way of approaching the Hill has been Proposd by Some of the Ingineres, I should be Glad as you have Seen the other Road that you would Take any Party you may think Proper tomorrow Morning and View this that I may then have your Oppinion of the Two.
I am Sir, your obediant Humble Servt

To Lievt Colo Winslow.
ROBT. MONCKTON

June 11 Agreeable to the orders of yesterday I Took with me Majr. ——— and 400 Men to Finde Survey and Meassur the New road to Forte Beausejour Taking with me Capt. Jones as a Surveyor and on Examination Found that the road was Very Good but that in keeping of it would be Five Miles From our Camps round. when we Came near the Forte, or the Ground we Possesd on the Eighth. Divided our Party in Three Bodys & Marcht on Three Deep the right wing under the Command of Capt Lamson the Lievt by Capt Stertevant & the Main Body by my Self with Majr Frye which Method So Disconcerted the French Party Drawn up to oppose us. So that we mett with No Difficulty in

Gaining the Ground which being obtained the French from the Forte Plyed us Very Hott with Cannon Shot which Came Near us but Did No Damage.

June 11 Capt. Adams was Detached Early to reconoiter the Country & Make Discovery of any Party of the Enemy where about us, his Men all Vollentiers and to Consist of 100, who returnd with Barlong's Coach, a Brass Cannon Formerly Taken by me and a Good deal other Plunder.

Sir, Colo Monckton to see you & your Field officers at his Tent at Four of the Clock.

I am your Most obediant.

To Colo Winslow.
T. MONCRIEFFE.

Att Time above mentioned the Field officers of Both Battallions Together with Capt Broome of the Train, Capt Huzey, Capt Hale and Capt Spittle of the Regulars Met as Directed and Determined to Brake Ground Before Forte Beausejour on the morrow Evening and That we would Posses our Selves of the Ground in the Day Time, and That Lievt Coll Scott Capt Spittle and Majr Preble Command the Party who are to Consist of 500 Men.

12. Capt. Adams Party whent out Early this Morning who returnd and Brought with them a Soldier who had Deserted. According to the Determination of yesterday Colo Scott, Majr Preble & Capt Spittle was Detached with Five Hundred Men to Posses the Ground that I had Twice before Taken and to Keep it til Evening in order to Intrench for Battering: who Proceeding in the Execution of Those orders, and where opposed by a Large Party of French to the amount of about who Disputed the Ground an Houer. Fired Inestantly but at Length Quitted the Ground, we hand in this action one Pike of Majr Fryes Company Kild Mr Tonge Badly wounded, Majr Preble Slightly but Badley Bruised and Four Prrivates of our Regiment wounded. in the Evening Colo Scott & Party Brooke Ground and Intrenched them Selves very well at the Distance of yds From the Forte The French this, Day Fired Divers Cannon at our Party.

The above Party Executed their Duty by ye followg orders vizt the New England Troops Employed to Intrench the regulars as a Gaurd behind the Rocks with 60 New Englanders.

(Beausejour June 12th.) Parol Lawrance. 400 of the six Hundred Men ordered yesterday are to Parade in the Front of Winslow's Camp. Lievt Colo Scott and Majr Preble with a Capt and Two Subs from Each Battallion for this Duty. Capt Spittle and one Sub from the regulars; the other 200 to Parade at the Head of Winslow's at Eight o'Clock for that Duty: one Capt and 6 Subaltems from Winslows and Scotts: the Proportion of the regulars are of the Number that Parade this Evening at five.)

June 13th The Ennemy Kept a Continual Fire on our Party Intrencht with their Cannon, and on our Party's Marching with Fassigns as they went Back and forward from our Camp to the Trenches, but without any Success, our Party Keeping their Trenches and Ground: behaved Well.

Beausejour, June 13th. Patrol London The Trenches to be relived this Night by Five Hundred men. Lievt Colo Winslow, Capt Hale and Majr Frye for that Duty to Parade half an Houer after Five a Capt and four Subalters from Each of the Battallions and one from the regulars for that Command. Regulars 60, Winslow's 220, Scott's 220, the officers Commanding Companys are to see the men for this Command Completed with ammuniton, Lievt Hanfield is appointed to act as assistant Enginere.

According to the orders of the Day, Paraded before my Camp at Five. Grounded our arms and remained till the Dusk of the Evening having first Loaded Two Carts of Capt Cobb's with Two Eight Inch Mortors with their Shells and other artillery Stores, and then set Forward having with us Capt Silvanus Cobb as a Volenteir; arived at the Trenches at about ten, Marcht Most of the way in the Plain roade that Leads to Fort Beausejour, & Then Turnd to the right in a Blind Path having Capt Willard for our Guide, Some what bewildered, & bad Rhoad & as this was our First attempt with Teams Met with Considerable Difficulty, but at Last arived Safe with the Party and Relived Colo Scott & his Detachment and Posted our men in the Same Maner as they that we relived were Posted. Work very Hard Til Day break Extending a Trench from the Intrenchment Made by Colo Scott in an angle Towards the Forte. Covering the workmen with a Gaurd between us and the Enemy with fifty men Lying Flat on the Ground, & advanced this night 110 yards, 85 of which was Gaind in a Straight Line Towards the Forte. Met with No Misfortune in the Night Season.

June 14. Early in the Morning the French Fired Very Briskly on us, we returnd the Compliment with our Two Eight Inch Mortars and Five Royals at about Ten I Found our Royals to Fall Shorte of the Forte & Stopt the Fire of them & Continued to Play with our Two 8 Inch Mortars. Sent to Colo Monckton an account of our Situation, and that we were all well, but had one of our Eight Inch Mortars Disabled by a Cannon Ball at Twelve; and from Him Reced. the following Letter, viz.

BEAUSEJOUR CAMP, JUNE 15TH, 1755.

SIR,

I am Favored with yours and am glad to hear that you are all Well. Capt. Brome is of Oppinion that the Royals are at Too Great a Distance, therefore ought to be Made use of and that we ought to be Very Sparing Likewise of our Eight Inch Shells. I propose sending the Thirteen Inch Mortar this Night & another Eight Inch for which the Battery ought to be Compleated, as for want of that Precaution we may be Liable to Loose all our Mortars. Should be Glad Sir, to Know wether the Bed of the Eight Inch Mortar is Disabled or Not, & Likewise when any thing Exstrodenary hapens; am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

To Lieut Colo John Winslow,

Commmanding in the Trenches. }

FROM THE INTRENCHMENT, JUNE 4TH, 1755.

GOOD SIR,

I have the Pleasure of yours but before the reception, it was Thought best to be Stil with our five Inch Mortars as they where of No use but to Amuse our Selves. the Enemy have taken Down a Building Some what Like a Block house and one other which I Imagin to be a Pigeon House, we continue our worke this Day in widening our Trenches and are Covering our Mortars, as Fast as we Can and hope to be ready by Night to receive the one of Thirteen Inches. The Bed of the Mortar Disabled is not Hurt and will Serve another of the Same Dementions. the Enemy Levell their Cannon

Very well, and half Burry us in the Trenches but hurt us None. We have Reced. 120 Cannon Shot No
Extrodinarys.
your Humble Servant,

JOHN WINSLOW.

To Colo Monckton Commandr
in Cheif of the Forces at Chignecto
in Camp at Beausejour. }

Visitted Capt. Rale and Party at Two, Were Complimented with Some Cannon Shot as I Pasd there
& Back. we Kept to worke this whole Day althoh our Men were Greatly Fatigued, and did not Like
it. The Enemy this Day Fired at us 140 Cannon Shott and in the Evening Divers Ten Inch Shells
which Came near us but Did no Damage.

Relived at Eleven in the Evening by Capt Huzey, Major Goldthwait and Bourn who were
accompanied by Capt Cobb who Brought with him the Thirteen Inch mortar & Divers other Millitary
Stores with Three Teams. Exstream Dark and Rained Very hard, Lost our way in returning to the
Camp Got Close under the Fort and Did arive to our Camp til Two of the Clock in the Morning.

Beausejour. Orders June I4th Pattrol Rouse, Counter Sign Frinds to Boston.

The Trenches to be Relieved this Night by the Same Number of Officers and Men as yesterday,
Capt Huzey, Major Goldthwait and Majr Bourn for that Duty, as the adjutants have Some Difficulty
in Parading Men for Sudden Occations, the Serjants telling them all their Men are upon Duty out of
their Turns which ought Not to be, as the whole Number of Men Mounted in Twenty four Howers
are but 682 and the Number Doing Duty 1727 as follows, regulars 244 Winslows 827, Scotts 656, the
officers of the Companys are therefore Desiered to See Exact Duty rolls Kept, to have the rolls of
their Companys Calld three times a Day and to take Care that their men are Constantly in Camp and
ready for Service, the Serjants are able to make regular reports of the Sick Dayley, Lievt Moncrieffe of
Govr. Shirley's Regiment is appointed by Lievt. Govr Lawrance Judge advocate of all General Court
Martials for this Expedition.

As to the Carelessness of Some People with regard to Trixk this Day Might have Distroyed the
whole Incampment the officers are Desiered to be Peticularly Carefull about it and see that no Fires
are made of Light Brush but of wood and those only for Boiling of Kittles, all which Fires they are to
See Well Extinguished at Evening Gun. No Fires are to be Made Near the Tents or the Breast works
in the Front or rear of the Incampment, these orders are to be Published to the Men.

June 15. This Proved a Very wet Day So that the Party in the Trenches Could Not worke. The
Enemy Fired Briskley as the Day before, one Bomb Fell in the Trenches but Did no Damage, neither
Did their Fire which was Supprising. The Trenches relieved about Sun Sett by Col. Scott, Capt Hale
& Capt Adams, who advance the Trenches in the Evening beginning where I Left off.

SUCCESS, JUNE 15TH 1755.

DEAR SIR,

It would be the Greatest Pleasure Immaginable to me Could I have the Satisfaction of Seeing you and am hartily Sorrey it is Not Consistant to our Duty as Not Posably to admit of it, for my part I Case not to Venture upon a Flood Tide Least any Strange Ships Should appear in Sight, and on the Ebb it runs So Very Strong that a Boat Cant well Row against it. I was Sorrey yesterday to, See the Bombs Drop so far from the Forte as they Did. I was in Great Expectation of Seeing to Day Some of the Shells Discharged from the Large Mortar but hope it wont be Long before I hear that as well as the Large Cannon. I often hear of your Success in Plunder both by Land and water Peticularly a Coach, I hope you have Some Fine Horses for it at Least four to draw it, that it may be said a New England Colonel à his Coach & four in Nova Scotia. I am also Informed that you have Got a Birch Canno, I think I have Some Title to what you take on the water, If you have any Good Sadle Horses in your Stable I Should be Obliged to you for one to ride round the Ships Deck on for exercise for I am not Likely to have any other, Der Sir your Most Obediant Humble Servt.
JOHN ROUS.

To Colo. Winslow at the English
Camp at Beausejour. }

Pattrol Probey.

June 16. The Trenches to be releived by the Same Number of officers and Men as yesterday Lieut Colo Winslow, Capt Hale and Majr Frye for that Duty to Perade at Four o'Clock. The Enemy began their Fire this Morning Early, which was Briskly returned by our 13 and 8 Inch Mortars, about Nine Came a Flag of Truce from the Fort with Forms in order for a Capitulation on which a Council of War was Called Consisting of Lieut Colo Monckton, Lieut Col Winslow, Capt Broome, Huzey & Spittle, Majrs Frye, Goldthwait and Bourn & Mr. Bruce the Engineer who rejected their Terms, and Proposed others, viz To this Effect ——

1st. That they the French March out with their Small Arms Drums Beating Match Lighted & the Honrs of War and Transported at the Cost of the King of Great Briton to Lewisburgh and not Bare Arms for Six months from the Date & Carry of their Effects, &c.

2nd. That the Inhabitants be Left in the Same Scituation as they were when we arived and not Punished for what they had Done Since our being in the Country, and they allowed till Two of ye Clock to Consider. In which time they Came to a Determination to Surrender on the Terms Proposed, upon which they were allowd til Seven to March out. Colo Scott and the Party in the Trenches ordered to take Possession which was Done. and in the Evening about Sun Setting Colo Monckton & myself with the regulars and 300 New England Troops Marcht into the Forte where being Entered we Found that one of our Large Shells at Eight in the Morning Fell upon a Casment they Immagined to be Secure and Killd Mr Hay one of our officers Taken on the Eight, and four of their officers, our Bombs before Killing them Several Men & Done them Vast Damage. The regulars & half the New England Troops Lodged in the Garrison. I with the others without.

Thus having Got into the Forte I would Observe That from our First Marching from Forte Lawrance to Forte Beasejour we were Continually Molested by Parties of the Enemy, we where Continually Molested and Harrased in our Camps, and Particularly this Day at One of the Clock the French & Indians attacht, us by Firing on our Guards. upon which we rallied & Fired on them, wounded one of the Chief of the Indians who Infordm us that we had wounded one other of the Mickmack Tribe before he was hurt & that in Passing the Bridge at Pont Debuté we Kild on of the

Chiefs of the St Johns Tribe & Kild and wounded a Great Many French & Indians (after which and Taking a Dram or too he Quiatly Dyied) and throh all our Varous Scirmages and Different Parties we put our Enemys to Flight and throh Gods Goodness had but Three men Kild and none wounded but what are in a way to do well. The Enemy by the Best Intelligance Lost upwards of Twenty men & Many wounded.

FORTE CUMBERLAND, JUNE 17TH, 1755.

Pattrol King George Colo Winslow & Scotts Battallions to Finde a Gaurd for the Trenches. 200 Men to be Sent to Levell the Trenches tomorrow at Six of the Clock, those now in the Trenches to Return to the Camp this Night.

T. MONCRIEFFE.

To Colo Winslow.

Lievt Colo Winslow orders that the Gaurds be releived at the usual time and that their be from Each Battallion on Each Flank against their respective Incampments a Captains Gaurd of fifty Men Each and Twenty five over the Guns.

SIR,

Colo Monckton Desiers you would order a Gaurd for the Vessels to relieve the regulars.
I am your Most obedient

T. MONCRIEFFE

Beasejoure June 17th.

To Colo Winslow.

this order Complied with and we being ninety men Stronger than the Second Battallion ordered that the releif be from the First Battallion & that that Gaurd be Kept up til further orders by the sd First Battallion.

FROM THE CAMP AT BEAUSEJOUR JUNE 17TH 1755.

SIR

I have Confined here to the Gaurd Stephen Talbot of Govr Hobson's Regiment on Suspition of his Plundering the French Forte and Secured the Goods Found on him. and Desier to Know wether he Shall be removed to your Gaurd or what is to be Done with him, have also Confined Willm Cannon of Major Goldthwaits Company for the Same Crime and Finde Divers other Goods which I apprehend was taken in the Same Maner and if you think it Convenient you will Please to order it tomorrow Morning.

Should be Glad of the Favor of a Cobby of the Cappitulation that I May Send it to my Colo Govr Shirley who Doubtless will Exspect it from me and I would also be Directed wether Majr Frye who is now in the Trenches is to have aded to his releif any Further number then the 100 Men already Sent him. am your
Very Humble Servant

To Colo Monckton Commander in Chief
of the Forces at Chignecto, &c. }
JOHN WINSLOW.

FORTE CUMBERLAND, JUNE 18TH, 1755.

SIR,

I have Exchanged Terms of Cappitulation with the officers of ye Forte at Gaspareau, which are the Same as Granted to Mr. Vergore and his Forte. you will Therefore Sir March with the Party orderd taking with them what Provisions they have, and in Case you Should want More, I will Either Send it you from hence or you May Supply your Self from what you may Finde at Gaspareau, they are to have Carts Supplied them to Transporte their Baggage. For which purpose I inclose you an Order to the Inhabitants, Likewise Some Proclamation which you will Give to them. you will as Soon after your arival as you Can Send me an acct of the Conditions of the Forte & of the Kings Magazine and wether there are any Stores in it. remaining there til further orders.

I am Sir, your Most obediant Humble Servt.

ROBT. MONCKTON.

To Lieut. Colo Winslow, Commanding
in Camp.

P.S. I Send Mr. Goddart with you in
Case he Should be wanted and Must
Desier that you would take Perticular Care
that your Men Donte Plunder. }

CAMP BEAUSEJOUR, JULY 31st, 1755.

Lievt Colo Winslow Orders that the First Battallion be in readiness tomorrow Morning at Seven of the Clock Immediately after Prayers and the men to have their things packt before.

JOHN WINSLOW

Thus have we Got to the End of July the whole of which was Spent In an Indolent Maner and the acquaintance between the Two Camps Greatly Dropt There being No Cal for a Convention of officers Since the Surrender of Forte Cumberland and No Partys of the army Stiring. Thoh I Immediatly after the Burning of the Forte on the River of St. Johns applyed to Colo Monckton for Leave to Proceed in Strong Parties Two or Three days March at a time to reconniter the Countrey and make our Selves

acquainted with its Scituation and urged that it would Not only make us pilots in the Province but would be also beneficial to the Healths of the men & Continued to renew this request often and was also Backt in that Motion by Majrs. Preble & Goldthwait but Could never obtain the Favor Saving for Colo Prebles once Vissiting Fort Gaspareau.

CAMP BEAUSEJOUR, AUGST 1ST 1755,

Early in the Morning the Men began to Pack up their necessisarys at a Little after Seven. a Detachment of the Second Battallion were Marching of which I Forbid but afterwards being Informed that there Ground was not Cleard Told Majr Bourn he might Doe as he Pleasd. our Battallion had all their Camps Struck & ready to March at half after Seven. waited for the Carts til nine & they Not Coming March of taking Such Bagage as the Men Could Carry and their Tents with them. ordered To Take up our Incampment to the Left Next to the Ground where the Intrchment was Made & the Camp Markd out. Left behinde us our Maine Gaurd & a Gaurd Exstrodenary to take Care of the Sick. This remove with Sick & Baggage Took us Til Late in the afternoon when the Gaurds Came of under the Command of Lievt Job Winslow & Ensn Barrell who Mounted the First Gaurd at Cumberland Camp vizt the Lievt in the Front & the Ensign in the rear.

AUGT 1ST, 1755.

Lievt Colo Winslow orders That the Gaurds Ussally Kept at Camp Beausejour be Immediatly raised and that the Gaurd returnd from them be forthwith releived and the New Gaurd to mount at the Place Directed & the Centry posted as ordered.

JOHN WINSLOW

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FORT CUMBERLAND CAMP, AUGST 1ST 1755.

Parole Dorsett.

A Picquet to be Mounted this Evening at Gun Fire from the Two Battallions Consisting of one Capt Two Subalterns Two Serjants Two Corporals Two Drums & fifty Private. They are to be Posted on the Left of the Encampment.

T. MONCREIFFE.

To Lievt Colo Winslow or Officer

Commanding in Camp. }

IN CAMP AUGST 1ST 1755.

SIR

I have reced Orders Directed to me as Commanding officer in Camp vizt the orders of the Day. Parole Dorsett. a Picquet to be Mounted this Evening at Gun Fire from the Two Battallions Consisting of one Captain Two Subalterns Two Serjants Two Corporals Two Drums & Fifty Private. They are to be posted on the Left of the Incampment.

Signd T. MONCREIFFE.

SIR, I Purpose to Mount from the First Battallion one Sub, half the non Commission officers & Private & Exspect to be Joyned by your Battallion (and that on the Morrow you Finde the Capt and So alternately.) To March to the Place at time appointed.
am your Very Humble Servant.

To Colo Scott or Commanding Officer
JOHN WINSLOW.

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
FORT CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 2ND, 1755.

Parole Coventry.

A Detachment of One Captain Two Lievtenants Two Ensigns four Serjants 4 Corporals Two Drums, & 120 Private Men to be ready to March on Monday Morning at Break of Day Taking with them what Provisions remain of the weak they will likewise have a further allowance of Provisions Given them which Some of the Detachment Must be Sent to receive tomorrow at one of the Clock to the Creek Capt Lievt Malcolm for the above Detachment Capt Lewis with the rangers to be in rediness to march at the Same time, they will receive Provisions tomorrow at Two of the Clock.

To Lievt Colo Winslow or officer
Commanding in Camp. }
T. MONCREIFFE.

CAMP CUMBERLAND AUGST 3D, 1755.

Mr. adjutant Kennedy having ordered Ensign Pritchard for Duty as it was his Tower Mr Barrel having a Fondness for the Duty Challenged it as his right & by his Frinds made application to Colo Monckton throh Mr. Moncreiffe without my knowledge. upon which I sent for My Barrel and reprimanded him. he sd was Mr Bowin Did it without any Desier of his upon which I wrote the Following Letter to Mr Moncreiffe viz.

CAMP CUMBERLAND AUGST 3RD 1755.

SIR.

Mr Kennedy applied to me for advise on a Letter recd from you in regard to the Touer of Duty Disputed between Ensign Pritchard & Barrell I am a Good Deal Suprised that any Body Should apply and Trouble Colo Moncton with those things and not Let me or the Commanding officer in . Camp Know it. as those Pointes I Take it Might have been Easely Settled here, as to Pritchards being put Over I Know Nothing of it and never Did Nor Never will Consent To one mans Doing Duty for another. am Sir yr Humble Servt

To Mr Moncrieffe in Forte

Cumberland Camp. }
JOHN WINSLOW.

P.S. — Mr Kennedy attends you

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CAMP CUMBERLAND, AUGST 3RD 1755.

parole St Albans.

The Discharged Men to be st on Board Capt Trivitt & Capt Millburry this afternoon taking with them their Provisions.

T. MONCREIFFE.

To COLO WINSLOW.

SIR, — The Detachment of Men is to be Peraded at the Head of the Regulars Tomorrow at Gun Fire with their provissions, & Amunition Compleat Capt Malcoln, Lievt Lawrance, & Ensn Pritchard for that Duty.

T. MONCREIFFE.

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP. AUGST 4TH 1755.

Parole Yorke.

Tis Colo Moncktons Posative orders that nither officer Nor Soldier Go Down upon the Marsh.

To Lievt Colo. Winslow or officer
Commanding In Camp. }

T. MONCREIFFE.

CAMP CUMBERLAND AUGST 4TH 1755.

Lievt. Colo. Winslow Orders that one Subaltern, with Six men a Serjant or Corporal of Each Company be Employed on Duty of Fatigue this & Succeeding Days to Clear & Levell the Camp and the right wing thereof and other Duty as the Commanding officer Shall Direct and also yt the officer of the Gaurd be Directed Not to Suffer the Centrys to Sett Down while on their posst.
JOHN WINSLOW.

This Day Eleven of the st, Johns Indians Came to Tantemar and Sent pr the French to Enter into articles of Peace. and after being assured by Colo Monckton that they Should not be hurt Cross the River over to Beausejour Side. Kept them Selves Close in the Marsh which was unknown to Colo Preble & my Self who Strold within Less then a Quarter of a Mile of them to View the Countrey wch throh Colo Monckton in a Panick on our acct who Sent a Man to recal us but we were on our return before he Came to us.

FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 6TH 1755.

SIR.

In Consequence of a Letter from Lievt Govr Lawrance, I Should be Glad to Speak with you as soon as Convenient.

I am yr. obediant Humble Servt.

To Lient Colo Winslow, if
Not in Camp to be Sent
him by a Serjt of his Battn }
ROBT. MONCKTON.

In Consequence of the above Letter I Immediately waited on Colo Monckton who Informed me Govr Lawrance had wrote him that it was his Desier that I with part of the New England Troops Should be removed to Piziquid that I might be near to Consult about Settling part of the Country by New England men, but that he the sd Monckton Could not yet resolve what Force he Could Spare and also was So Free as to acquaint me that it was Determined to remove all the French Inhabitants out of the Province and that he Should Send for all the adult Males from Tantemar Shepedy Olake Beausejour & Bay of Verte to read the Governours Orders, and when that was Done was Determined to retain them all Prisoners in the Forte, and also Informed me that ye Indians of St Johns Insisted of having Colo Scott whom they Knew, to be. Sent to them as a Hostage to be returned when the Treaty was over and the Indians Marcht of. and that they Persisted to make Peace only for one year. I Told the Colo that I Immagined his word was sufficient for their Save passing and that it would be Disonorable to Give them any other Security and reminded him of the Fate of Capt How, and that I Lookt upon a Peace for one year worse Than None. Especially as we had now Force Sufficient to Correct them if they Should offer any Insults or refuse peace on our own Terms. and as the Massachusetts Bay was at actual war with that Very Tribe it would be od in us to make Pease without their Knoledge.

Futher the Colo Informed me that our party Sent out were Gon to Cobbegate & Tatmebush to bring of those Inhabitants to Distroye their Vessels &c., and this is the First Conference of a Publick

nature I have had with the Colo Since the reduction of Beausejour, & apprehend that No officer of Either Core has been made more Free with, that Even these things remains a Secret to the rest.

HONRD SIR.

I This Day waited of Colo Monckton and he being Ingaged had not time to write to you but Desiers you would Discharge Nathan Taylor belonging to my Company who was wounded at the Blockhouse and has Since been in the Hospital and that he Should receive pay Equal to the Soldiers who have Done Duty the whole time. I am your Humble Servant

PHINS OSGOOD.

Camp Cumberland Augst 5th 1755.

To the Honble Colo Winslow

at Forte Lawrance. }

Recd the 6th & Discharged the sd Taylor in the Same form as the other Soldiers of the First of Augst

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY,
FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP, AUGST 6TH, 1755.

Parole Edinburgh.

To Lievt Colo Winslow or officer
Commanding in Camp. }
T. MONCREIFFE.

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.
FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 7TH 1755.

Parole Glasgow.

Four Companys of Colo Winslows Battallion to Get ready to Go on Board the Transportes taking with them their Bagage and Tent Equipage.

To Lievt Colo Winslow or Officer
Commanding in Camp. }
T. MONCREIFFE.

CAMP CUMBERLAND, 7TH AUGST 1755.

The Companys ordered are Winslows, Adams, Hobbs and Osgoods to have their Arms and Close Clean.
J. WINSLOW.

FORT CUMBERLAND CAMP, AUGST 7TH 1755

SIR.

I Forgott to acquaint you that the Transportes with the Discharged Men are to Sail tomorrow.
In Case you should have any Letters.

I am Sir your Humble Servt.
ROBT MONCKTON.

To Lievt Colo Winslow.

SIR.

Please to order a Party to Get Ready Consisting of a Subaltern and Forty men to Escorte the Provisions to the Bay of Vert the Party is to take Two Days Provisions with them. your Most Obediant

Forte Cumberland Camp, Augst 8th
1755. To Lievt Colo Winslow or
officer Commanding in Camp. }
T. MONCREIFFE.

Sent

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP, AUGST 8TH 1755.

Parole Virginia.

To Lievt Colo Winslow or officer

Commanding in Camp. }
T. MONCREIFFE.

This Day the St Johns Indians Departed & Tooke with them the one we had So Long in Garrison with us who was releasd by Colo Monckton.

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP, AUGST 9TH, 1755.

Parole Shirley.

To Lievt Colo Winslow or officer

Commanding in Camp. }
T. MONCREIFFE.

The Inhabitants of the Contigus Villages with those of the Bay of Verte were Summoned to appear to have his Excellency Govr Lawrance orders read to them, but There not being a General Muster they were Dismised and ordered to appear Tomorrow Morning.

This Day the Discharged Troops Embarqued on Board the Transportes for New England viz Those of the First Battallion Thirty five in number on Board the Sloop Elizabeth Nathl Milbery & The Second Battallion forty Six on Board the Sloop Endeavor Capt Trivitt.

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.
FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP, AUGST. 10TH 1755.

Parrole Braddock.

To Colo Winslow or officer
Commanding in Camp. }
T. MONCREIFFE.

This Day the Inhabitants of the Neghbouing Villages Mustered in Considerable but Not So Many as was Exspected. upon which they were ordered to Tarry all Night under the Guns of the Garrison and others Notified &c.

MORNING ORDERS
FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 11TH, 1755.

A Capt Lievt and Ensign with 100 Private of the Iregulars to Get ready to March at a Minnets warning Three Serjants & Three Corporals for this Party. Majr. Preble with one Captain, Two Lievts, Two Ensigns, 4 Serjants 4 Corporals 2 Drums & 200 Private Men to Get ready to March at a Minnets warning also.

To Lievt Colo Winslow or officer
T. MONCREIFFE.

Commanding in Camp.

CAMP CUMBERLAND AUGST 11TH 1755.

Lievt Colo Winslow orders Three men of Each Company of the First Battallion be ready on Duty of Fatigue at the releif of the Gaurds in order to Build a Guard House for the Picquett Guard

J. WINSLOW.

N.B. This & the other Duty of Fatigues Dischargd at Eleven Clock on acct of the many Parties Going Forth.

1755. AUGST 11TH. CAMP CUMBERLAND.

A Regimental Court Martial to be held Forthwith for the Tryal of John Holman of the Govrs Company for Leaving his Gaurd & Neglecting his Duty the whole of yesterday and this morning and of Mosses Barnabus of Lievt. Cola Winslows Company for Stealing a Gun & Gun Stick from one of Capt Hobbs Men and make return as Soon as Possable. Members, Capt Thos Speakman President Lievts Fitch Peabody & Bradford and Ensign Bancroft

JOHN WINSLOW.

who Gave Judgment that they Finde John Holman Guilty & That he Receive Twenty Stripes upon his Naked Back with a Cat well laid on. the Fact Not Sufficiently Proved against Mosses Barnabus Do Finde him Not Guilty &c.

Judgment Confirmd and Executed

J. WINSLOW.

CAMP CUMBERLAND 11TH AUGUST 1755.

HONRD SIR.

The men ordered are Collecting. Should be Glad to Know weather any of the Companys Going with me are to be of Thise Party or if they are to Come out of the Fourteen Companys remaining am your Most Obediant Humble Servant.

To Colo Monckton commandr
in Cheif of his Majtys Forces at
Chignecto, &c. }
JOHN WINSLOW.

P.S. The 100 Men will March Immediatly.

SIR

you will March Immediately with the Party orded to the O'Lake and Search all the Houses there and between the Lake and this Place and bring of all the Males above the age of Sixteen.

I am Sir your Humble Servt

To the officer Commanding
the 100 Men. }
R MONCKTON.

Sent Inclosed to Lievt Colo Winslow and by him Ddd to Capt Perry who Commanded the
Party.

SIR

Major Bourn is to Perade Immediatly with 150 Men taking their Provisions with them.

T. MONCRIEFFE.

FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 11TH 1755.

P.S. The Parties ordered are to be Taken from the whole now upon the spot.
T. MONCRIEFFE.

To Lievt Colo Winslow.

Majour Bourns party to take their Blanketts and Provisions with them. Majr Prebles party to
march Down here Immediatly taking with them Two Days Provisions.
T. MONCRIEFFE

FORTE CUMBERLAND AUGST 11TH 1755.

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY
FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 11TH 1755.

Parole Richmond. Countersign Frinds to America. all officers and Soldiers all Sutlers followers &
Retainers to the Camp are hereby Desiered to take notice that all oxen, Horses, Cows, Sheep, and all
Cattle what soever which were the Property of the French Inhabitants are become forfit to his Majty
wherefore no Bargain on any Pretence whatsoever for the Purchase of sd Cattle will be allowed of.
The officers are Desiered to acquaint the men that they are not to Strole from their Camp and that no
Cattle are to be Kild or Destroyed as they belong to his Majesty. The above orders to be read at the
Head of each Company.
T. MONCRIEFFE.

To Lievt Colo Winslow, or officer
Commanding in Camp. }

This Day was one Exstrodinary to The Inhabitants of Tantamar Wescoat, olake, Bay of Verte Beausejour & Places adjatent the Male Inhabitants or the Principal of them being Colected together In Forte Cumberland To hear the Sentence which Determind their Property from The Govr & Council of Hallifax, which was that they were Declared rebels. There Lands Goods & Chattels Forfitt to the Crown and their Bodys to be Imprisoned upon which the Gates of the Forte was Shut & they all Confined to the amount of Four Hundred men & upwards.

Majr Preble Capt Speakman & the Party with them ordered to Wescoat, Tantemar, &c to Secure all males in those Places upwards of sixteen.

Majr Bourn with his Party having with him Capt Bayley ordered to take with them 150 french Prisoners. march to Forte Lawrence & Take the Command Thereof and Secure the Prisoners there.

Capt Cobb Saily yesterday From Forte Cumberland to take the Male Inhabitants of Shepody but returnd without Effecting anything they all being Fled into the woods.

AFTER ORDERS.

FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 11TH 1755.

Whereas the Commanding officer has been Informed that Several of the Troops have been out Killing Sheep tis his positive orders that no one Pretend to Go beyond the advance Gaurd without his Peticular Leave.

T. MONCREIFFE.

To Colo Winslow or officer
Commanding in Camp. }

This Last order being of So Exstrodinary a Nature that the officers were to be Confined by their own Gaurds which Never hapened to be in my time before, but in Special Casses Perhaps Might be right but the reason alledged that Several of our Troops had been out Killing Sheep and the whole Core officers & Men Confined to Prevent them from Sheep Stealing or otherwise for Stealing Gave Umbrage not only to me but to the whole Regiment Upon which on the Twelfth in the Morning I Causd a Strikt Enquierey to be Made Throh out the whole Troops (which are reported from the several Companys & on File) and Finde there was not the Least Foundation for Such a reporte. upon which I waited on Colo Monckton & acquainted him that I was Very Sorrey that we had Such Enemys as Should reporte to him Falce Facts as that with oblique Charging us with Sheep Stealing then From which Charge Nothing was more Insolent Even to the Last Individual & that Such Malissous Persons had thereby got Ye officers Confined by their own Gaurds and the men restrained from their Proper Exersise and beged to Know who those Falce Persons where or at Least that a Court of Enquierey Might be Convened that So the Facts Might be Examind into, and the Regiment Set Clear of So Falce and Scandalous an asspersion and Doubted Not but as he had been So Good as to order Such a Court where private Charreters had been Asspersed he would Much more Doe So for The Core, &c. &c.

After all was Told for answer That it was a Common way of Giving orders in General Terms and that Colo Scott had Seen Some of our men Stragling without an officer & Could obtain No other Satisfaction and So Came away in Discontent.

FORTE CUMBERLAND CAMP AUGST 13TH, 1755.

SIR.

In Consequence of Lievt Govr Lawrances orders to me you will Proceed with the Four Companys of your Battallion already ordered on Board the Transportes to Piziquid where you will wait his orders I am Sir your Most obedient & Most Humble Servant.

ROBT. MONCKTON.

To Lievt Colo Winslow.

Upon the receipt of These orders I waited on Colo Monckton & Informed him that There was Sundry Things Due to the men & Should be Glad the accounts of the Regiment Might be Settled & Peticularly that of Rum or Molasses in Liew of which I Immagined they had Not reced the one half of their allowance and that the men Exspectd I would see Justice Done them. as well as in their Small Provisions. he answered this was No time for Settling accounts. I answered that I would be answerable with the Commissarys assistance that it Could be Done in Three Houers & was Certain the Vessels were not ready but Could Get no reply. I also reminded him that he Promist The men that Drew the Cannon & Did other Exstrodenary worke 12d pr Day besides their pay, which they Exspected Should be performed and was answered he Could not Tel who they were. I Told him my officers had Kept an acct & was answered that he Did not Know but that he might allow them Something in General &c.

Augst 13th. yesterday Capt. Perrey returned with his party from Olake &, Brought with him Eleven Frenchmen Prisoners who were Confined under our Gaurd all night and this morning Sent to Forte Cumberland and Majr Preble this Day returned and Brought only Three of the Male Inhabitants all the rest being Fled into the woods The whole number in the Two Fortes are 420 men.