“Extract from Instructions to the Officers Commanding the Fort  
at Vieux Logis and Fort Edward”, in Thomas B. Akins, ed. *Selections from the Public Documents of the Province of Nova Scotia* (Halifax, N.S., Charles Annand Publishers, 1869), p. 197-198.

(Order Book.)

You are to look on the French Inhabitants in the same  
light with the rest of His Majesty's Subjects, as to the protection of the Laws & Government, for which reason nothing is  
to be taken from them by Force, or any Price set upon their goods but what they themselves agree to ; and if at any time the Inhabitants should Obstinately refuse to comply with what His Majesty's Service may require of them, You are not to redress yourself by Military Force, or in any unlawfull manner, but to lay the case before the Governor & wait His Orders thereon. You are to cause the following orders to be stuck  
up in the most Publick part of the Fort, both in English & French :

1. The Provisions or any other commodities that the Inhabitants of the country shall bring to the Fort to sell, are not to  
be taken from them at any fixed price, but to be paid for  
according to a free agreement made between them & the  
Purchasers.

2. No Officer, non-Commissioned Officer, or Soldier, shall presume to insult or otherwise abuse any of the Inhabitants of the Country, who are upon all occasions to be treated as His Majesty's Subjects, & to whom the Laws of the Country are open, to protect as well as to Punish.

At the Season of laying in fuel for the Fort, You  
are to signify to the Inhabitants by their Deputys, that it  
is His Exclly's pleasure they lay in the Quantity of Wood that you require, & when they have complyed, you are to give them certificates specifying what Quantity they have furnished, which will entitle them to payment at Halifax.

P. T. HOPSON. \*\*

Halifax 15. Deer. 1752.

(\*Vieux Logis are the Old Barrack at Mines and Fort Edward is Pisiquid  
\*\* Peregrine Thomas Hopson succeeded Governor Cornwallis in August, 1762. Mr. Cornwallis returned to England in the Summer of that year.)