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DIARY OF JOHN THOMAS,
"SURGEON IN WINSLOW'S EXPEDITION OF 1755 AGAINST THE
ACADIANS.

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[AT the request of the editor of the REGISTER, Francis S. Drake, Esq., author of the "Dictionary of American Biography," has furnished the following sketch of the life of the author of this diary :

"John Thomas, a major general in the revolutionary army, son of John and Lydia (Watson) Thomas, was born in 1724, and was a gr.-grandson of John (an orphan of 14, who came to New England in the Hopewell in 1635), and Sarah (Pitney) Thomas. He studied medicine with Dr. Simon Tufts, of Medford, and began practice at Green Harbor, a precinct of Marshfield, Mass., his native place, but afterwards removed to Kingston, where he successfully pursued his profession during the remainder of his life, when not engaged in military service.

"In 1746 he accompanied the troops sent to Annapolis Royal as second surgeon, and as surgeon's mate accompanied Gen. Winslow's regiment in April, 1755, in the expedition for the expulsion of the Acadians, of which the following Journal is the record, and to which Longfellow's poem of "Evangeline" has given such a sad celebrity. Receiving the appointment of lieutenant in Shirley's regiment, he left the medical staff for more active service. In 1759 we find him colonel of a provincial regiment in Nova Scotia, and in the campaign of 1760 he served under Amherst in the reduction of Canada.

"A delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1774, and colonel of a militia regiment, he was soon (Feb. 9, 1775) appointed a brigadier general, to which grade he was also appointed by the Continental Congress, June 22, and received the commission of major-general from the latter body in recognition of his eminent services at Dorchester Heights, March 6, 1776. During the siege of Boston he commanded the right wing of the army at Roxbury, and by the orderliness of his camp, by his vigilance, and his other military qualities, gained general commendation and the high encomiums of Washington. He heightened his reputation by the skill and success with which he executed the brilliant strategic movement which compelled the British to hastily evacuate Boston. Immediately promoted and given the command of the forces invading Canada, he joined them before Quebec, May 1, 1776, but finding his effective force less than 1000 men, the small-pox raging among them and the enemy constantly receiving reinforcements, he retreated on the 8th, and while awaiting reinforcements at Chamblée on the Sorel, was seized with small-pox and died June 5, 1776.

"Gen. Thomas was six feet in height, of commanding appearance, and well proportioned. Hannah, his wife, daughter of Nathaniel Thomas, of Plymouth, an intelligent and accomplished woman, died in 1819, at an advanced age."

The diary here printed will be perused with interest, particularly the portions which relate to the treatment of the Acadians. Those who wish to learn more on this subject are referred to the Nova Scotia Archives ("Selection from the Public Documents of the Province of Nova Scotia"), printed in 1869, under the editorship of Thomas B. Akins, D.C.L., and the History of Nova Scotia and Acadia, 3 vols., 1865-7, by Beamish Murdoch. A manuscript journal by Gen. John Winslow, commander of the New England troops in this expedition, which has never been printed, is in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Frederic Kidder, Esq., has collected a mass of materials on the subject, which will be published, if his health permits.]

April: y^e 9 AD: 1755.

9. This Day I Took my Departure from marshfield To Go to Nova Scotia In Colonol winslow^s Rgement. I Dined In Hingham at Benjamin Cushin^{es} with Capt: Sturtivant^s we Came to Morse^s y^e Tavern on Boston Neck this Evening & put up our Horse^s.

10. I went Into Boston AM.: with 50 men Belonging to Colonol Winslows^s Company. I Dined at Bracket^s.

11. Plesant Day our People on Board the transport^s all well.

12. Plesant Day.

13. Plesant Day wind S:E: I went to Milkton with Joseph Winslow to see his Child Sick.

14. Foggy Cloudy our Soulder^s Passed muster & Received thare Cloths.

15. Plesant Day Nothing Remarkble.

16. Cloudy Sun Showers^s P:M: made up our muster Rool^s.

17. Plesant Day wind N:E:

18. Plesant Day wind N:E:

19. Som Rain I Dined at y^e North End with m^r Gay.

20. Plesant Day I Dined att Cap^t Speakman^s.

21. Plesant Day.

22. The Great & General Cort Set att Boston.

23. Plesant Day Nothing Remarkble I Suped with Doc^t whitworth.

24. Plesant Day.

25. Showery Stormy Day.

26. we Received our Comision^s at Colonol winslow^s & ware Sworn att his Lodging^s.

27. Showery I Dined att Joseph winslow^s went to Doc^t meeting all Day.

28. Stormy Day one Solder Dyed Last Night Belonging to Cap^t Hobb^s Company the First y^t has Dyed Since thay ware mustered att Boston.

29. Stormy Lowery Day Nothing Remarkble.

30. Plesant Day y^e Transport Halled from the wharf.

31. [*sic*] Plesant Day Nothing Remarkble.

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May y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. Pleasant Day the Transport^s Halled down to Dear Island Rhode.
2. windy Cap^t Sturtevant & I went up to Boston we Stoped att y^e Castle.
3. Pleasant Day went Down to y^e Transport^s in a whail Boat.
4. Pleasant Day m^r Philip^s Preached at Dear Island Several Gentlemen Came from Boston to heare him.
5. wind Blew Hard at N: & Sum Cold I went up to Boston A:m.
6. Pleasant Day went Down to Dear Island Rhode A:m.
7. Pleasant Day wind N:E:
8. Pleasant Day I was at Boston all Day.
9. Pleasant Day Colonol winslow Down at y^e Fleet.
10. this Day I Continued at Dear Island.
11. Cloudy Raw Cold m^r Philip^s Came to Preach at Dear Island I Came up to Boston.
12. Pleasant Day I went to Dear Island.
13. Cap^t Speakman Came Down to y^e Fleet with his wife & Several other Lady^s we Drank Tea on Board his vesel I went to Boston with him.
14. I went Dow to Dear Island & Returned to Boston P:m.
15. very warm Day Colonol winslow very Sick.
16. Pleasant Day Colonol winslow Continued Sick I Received 158 old Tenor of m^r abthrop.
17. this Day Colonol winslow Sent for Doc^t Stockbridge from Situate.
18. very Hott I went Down with Cap^t Speakman to Dear Island in a Two mast Boat we met with a hard Squall Ner y^e Castle-William.
19. I went to Point Sherly with Cap^t Speakman & from thence to Boston & a N^o of Lady^s we Stoped at Cony Island to vew y^e English Solde^{rs}.
20. I Lodged at Cap^t Speakman^s we Came from his house 4 Clock A:m: Came Down to Dea^r Island Rhode In a whale Boat went on Shore at Point Sherly & Suped In y^e Eveng.
21. Stormy Day y^e maremaid man of war Pressed out of Several vesel^f Comeing in from Sea I went up to Point Sherly P:m:
22. wind S:W: I being on Board y^e Sloope Industry George Goodin Comander we weid anker at Dear Island Rhode In Boston Bay In Company with the three men of war viz: y^e Success Cap^t; Jn^o: Rouse Comand^r who is Come one of the Fleet y^e maremaid Cap^t: Sherley & the Comand^r y^e Syren Cap^t: Proba Comander 33 Transport^s & Store Ships of which 2 Briggs 5 Scooner^s & the Rest Sloops & about Five Thousd & one Hundred Solders all Bound for anapolis Royal: P:m: Small wind.
23. wind N:E: Small Brease Something of a Swell Several of us Sea Sick we Stood of at Sea A:m: Stood In P:m: Small Brease.
24. Stood for Land P:m: Something of a Swell but made No Land this Day.
25. Stood In for Land all Night Small Breeze we made Land to y^e westward of Mount Dezert Called Long Island this morning Ran our Coarse about N:E: all Day Fresh wind P:m: & Smooth Sea.
26. Pleasant Day Good Breze of wind S:w: Last Night we made Grand menan this morning Small Breaze all Day we Stand for anapolis Gut about Seven of the Clock P:m: the whole Fleet Got into y^e Bason of anapolis & Anored about one Leagu^s abouve the Gut Except 3 men of war Came to anker out at the mouth of y^e Gut.

Anapolis Royal Bason may y^e 27 AD: 1755.

27. I went with a whale Boat^s Crue To y^e Gut & Bought a mess of Cod Fish of y^e French then went up to the Garason with Cap^t: Speakman & other Dined at a Tavern thare Come Down P:m: & y^e Transport^s Came up New Goat Island Some Rany.

28. Plesant Day wind S: I went up to y^e Garason A:m: Came Down P:m: To y^e vesel at Goat Island.

29. Showery Day I went on Board Cap^t Speakman P:m: wind S:E:

30. Lodged on Board Cap^t: Speakmans Transport Came on Board our vesel A:m: went on Shore To Point ashean P:m to Peter Londrees & Several other French Houses.

31. Came to Sail A:m: with y^e Fleet And Came Down toward^s y^e Gut & Ankered.

June y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. we mad Sail at Anapolis Bason & went out of y^e Gut with the whole Fleet of Transports which Came from Boston with y^e 3 men of war Joyned by the vultur Snow & Four more Small vesel^s of those Bound for Chignecto where we ankered and at a Place Called y^e Grand Joging about 7 of y^e Clock In y^e Eveng. wind S:w:

2. wind S:W: we made Sail about 3 clock P:m: & Ran up y^e to y^e English Fort whare we all landed about Six of y^e Clock P:m: on a Point of marsh at the Entrance of the River Leplouch Landed our men Drawed them up on the mash & marched them up to Fort Lawrance.

3. wind S:w Blow Hard we Lodged at Fort Lawrance In the Barn^s or whare Eve^f we Could & among the Inhabitant^s & e Last Night we Pitched our Tent^s near the Foart this Day & made Preparation to march against the French Foart which is about 7 miles y^e Rode as we are obliged to march.

4. A very Plesant & warm Day we all Lodged In our Tent^s Last Night The Drum^s all Beat to arms about Break of Day this morning we mustered our People Dress them three Deep & marched 6 Clock our New England Troop Consisted of Near 2100 men Joyned with 250 Regular^s from Fort Lawrence & Fouer Fine Brass Field Peases Six Pounce^r Cap^t: Adams Led the advance Gard which Consisted of 60 men we marched on Slowly about 11 Clock we Came on Large Salt mash whare we ware in Plain vew of a French Blockhouse & Fausine^s thrown up Sufficient to Screen a Large N^o of men whare thay Could Secure themself^s from our Fire & yet have all the advantage on us but we marched on Direct for the Enemy this being the only Pass we Could have over to the main Fort y^t we ware Designed for Now we hear the Indian^s begin to mak^e thare most Hideous yell^s & Large Number^s of the Enemy Appearing Redy to Ingage us our troop keep on thare march & when we have Got within musket Shot we Received The Fire of thare Swivel Gun^s with Partridge Shot which Seemd to Come very thick wounded Several of our men but None Killed we Returned the Complent with one of our Field Peases upon which thay Gave us a voley of Small arm^s I beleve not Less than Six Hundred upon which our troop^s Fired Briskly Cap^t Broom^s who Comanded y^e arteliery Plied the Field Peases Clostly & the Fire from the Enemy was very warm for they Had Two Carage Guns & Fouer Swivel^s Beside thare Small arm^s but our Fire was So warm upon them & thay See our troop^s So Resolute y^t thay Found we would Force them from thare Ground thay Not all thare Buildings on Fire & Fled we Recoved the Ground about 1 of the Clock P:m: we had

but one man Killd Dead on the Spot 2 mortaly wounded 10 more thath are Likely to Recove^r of thare wound^s this I think to be y^e most Remarkble thing I Ever Saw y^t w^e Should Recive So much of thare Fire & Nothing to Cover us from it & yet no more Killed & wounded but as we ware on a mash & the Enemy on an Emenace thay Shot over our Heds but when we Recovd the Ground we Refreshed our Selve^s Dressed our wounded Put them into Cart^s & marched on 2 mile^s Toward the Main Fort of the Enemy & Incamped in a wood We are now 2 miles Distant from the French Foart Called Fort Beausejure we killed 14 of the Enemy Certain & how many more we Cant yet tell but we Heare of a Considrabl^e N^o: wounded this Fortification was Comanded by monseur Brulong.

5. Plesant Day we marched about 8 of the Clock Am: Down on a marsh where we Halted for Some time & Sent Sum Parties to Reconoyter Found a Sutable Place on a hill a Little more than a mile from the French Fort whare we Incamped In Booth^s made of Pine Bow^s Cap^t: Speakman & I took 200 men on Gard Sum Rain we heare Drums Beating & Great Confusion at Fort Beausejure.

6. Plesant Am: we Cleared a Large Plot of Ground for a Regular Incampment Cap^t: Adam^s Relived me from Gard Large Fires the Inhabitant^s Burning thair Houses a Small Number of the Enemy Came Near our Camp this Evening & Fired on us but we Sone made them Retreat we Catch Cattle Horses & Hoogs In Plenty The Enemy Send a Party to Intercept Cap^t Salvenus Cobb as he Came up the River massequash with his vesel but thay Doe him no Great Damage for we Sent a Party of our Troop^s who Ingaged them Behind the Dikes & oblige them to Retreat Carying of Sum of thare men wounded our People Persued them but thay Recovered the Fort.

7. Pleasant Day we Pitched our Tent^s all in a Regular Form on y^e afforementioned Hill the French & Indians Fire on us Every Night & y^t: Briskly So y^t the whole Camp is Disturbed by them.

8. Plesant morning Colonol winslow marched out of the Camp at 5 Clock this morning with 360 men, our Company marched In the Front & as we Came on a Small Emenence a Large Numbe^r of the Enemy Salleyed out of the Foart & Fired on us from behind the Stump^s & Rock^s but we Pressed on them with so much vigor y^t thay ware obliged to Retreat to the Foart In Great Confusion we took one Prisoner it begins to Rain so that is thought best for us to Return to y^e Camp whare we arivd P:m: very wet & Feteagued a Party of y^e Indian Fired upon & took one Ensign Hay an officer In the Regular^s as he was Passing from Foart Lawrance to y^e Camp.

9. Rainy & uncomfortable wathe^r not much Business Done.

10. very Plesant morning Colonol winslow marched out Half after Seven Am: with 400 men to Reconoiter we marched to ward a French vilege Ingaged a Small Party of French & Indians but thay Sone Fled Into y^e wood we Returned about Elevn Clock Am: to y^e Camp I took the Guards P:m:

11. Colonol winslow marched out this morning but met with nothing very Remarkble Excep^t Sum Scatering Guns Fired Cap^t adam^s went with a Company of Rainger^s and Returned at 11 Clock with a Coach & Sum other Plunder Cap^t osgood Relived me from Guard P:m:

12. Plesant Day I went with Colonol winslow to Fort Lawrance P:m Colonol Scot & major Prible marched with 400 men to the afforesaid Hill Near the French Foart whare thay ware Cloastly Ingaged for Near Two Hour^s with a Large Number of the Enemy but y^e Enemy ware obliged to

Retreat to thare Foart with Lost of men on thare Side we had one man Killed Right out major Prible wounded In the Hip & Several more of our men Badly wounded this Evening Colonol Scot began to open the trenches att the hill which & prepared to throw Sum Bumb Shel^s to the Enemy^s Foart.

13. Colonol winslow went to the Trench^s with 400 men to Relive Colonol Scot we went to opening the trenches and advancing Nearer the Foart & Built up with Facines.

14. We Dugg Trench^e all Night this Day we threw Bumb^s all Day with Eight & Four Intch mortar the Enemy threw from thare Foart 150 Canon Shot & Four 9 Intch Bum^s So that we Kep^t a warm Fire upon Each other all Day a Party of the Enemy Salley out on our Gard^s upon our Right wing I was ordered by Colonol winslow to Detatch 70 men from the Trench^e & Go to the assistance of our Gards which I Did & we Some obliged them to Retreat to the Foart major Goldthwait & major Brown Came from the Camp with 400 men & Relivd Colonol winslow very Rany In the Eveng & very Dark as we Came Dow to y^e Camp.

15. very Rany Last Night & this Day major Goldthwait Comanded at the Trench^e they Kept up a warm Fire all Day thay Got our Large Mortar to Bair on y^e Enemy^s Foart & threw Several Shell of 13 Intch Diameter.

16. Colonol Scot & major Comands at the Trench^e this Day thay Fire very Briskly on Both Sides this morning about 10 Clock A:m: thay Sent a Flagg of Truce from y^e French Foart to agree on Terms for a Capitulation by whom we Learn y^t one of our Large Shell had Fell threw what thay Called thare Bum Proof & Brok in one of thare Cazment^s whare a Numbe^r of thare officer^s ware Seting Killed 6 of them Dead & one Ensign Hay which the Indian^s had took Prisiner a few Day agone & Caryed to y^e Foart he belonged to y^e Regular^s.

thare was a Seasation of arms was agreed on to Continue untill Two of the Clock In which Time a Party of Indians Fired on our Centry^s the whole Camp ware Emediately under arms we Fired on them Killed one of thare Principle officer^s & Brought him into Camp but y^e wood^s being very thick the Rest of them made thare Escape the Term^s ware agreed on about 6 of y^e Clock P:m & about 7 our Troops Entered the Foart & Called it Foart Cumberland the Conditions of Agreement ware y^t the Enemy Should Diliver up the Foart & Kings Stores but Should be Transported to Lewisbuge with all thare Private Effect^s at the Expençe of his majesty King George.

this Fortress was Called by the French Fort Beausejvre & Comanded by monseieur Villea.

17. Plesant Day we Filled up the Trench^s the Regular Troop^s Keep the Foart the French Troop^s are Preparing to Cary of their effet^s.

18. Plesant Colonol winslow marched with a Party of 500 men to a Place Called Gausperean to take Possession of a Small Fortress which the French have Given up it is 15 miles from Fort Cumberland it Lays on a Branch of y^e Bay of vert & is Called by y^e French Foart Gauspereu Taking it Name from the River on which it Lays it was Comanded by monseieur Virgo.

19. Our New England Troop^s are all Kept at the First Camp I went to Fort Cumberland P:m: it Contains one Fine Brass Mortar which Cary^s a 10 Intch Shell & 26 Canon it Contans about 2½ acres of Ground very Plesantly situated on an Emenance.

20. m^r Gay & I went to Fort Lawrence A:m: Dined with Doc^t Tyla^s went to Fort Cumberland P:m: & So to y^e Camp.

21. many of our People into Small Fever^s & Purgeing but None Dyed.
22. Pleasant Day Cap^t Speakman & Cap^t Jones marched with a Detachment of 200 men to Releve Colonol winslow att Gauspereau.
23. Sum Rany Colonol arived at Camp 1 Clock P:m with all his Party which he Caryed with him to Gauspereau.
24. The Nutral French Bring in thare arms by order of Colonol Munckton & Diliver them up to y^e Foart.
25. We have the account by Cap^t Adam^s of Several men of war att Halifax & y^t thay have Taken 2 French men of war & Several other vesel^s as thay Came on thare Pasage.
26. Plesant Day no Remarkable Accurances hapen we Lay In Redyness to Imbark for Saint John^s.
27. Plesant Day wind S:w Leiv^t: Carver came from Gauspreau Leiv^t: Lues of the Rainge^t Likewise thay Measured y^e Rhode & Find it 15 mile^s $\frac{1}{3}$ from Fort Cumberland to Fort Gauspreau.
28. Plesant Day wind Blows Hard att S:w
29. A vesel from Boston Cap^t Thomas Cobb & Sum other officer^s with him with Several of our troop^s which we Left Behind.
30. Plesant Day Sum Hot.

July y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. I went to Fort Lawrence News from saint Ju^{os} that the French & Indian^s had burnt thare Foart & House^s & that the Indian^s ware for making a Peace with us & accordingly thay have Sent Two of thare men to Foart Cumberland.

2. Plesant Day.

3. it is Concluded y^t we Don^t: to Saint Ju^{os} at Present without Further order^s.

4. Cap^t Adams Sent to Pisquate & So to Hallefax for order^s from Govern^r Lawrence this Cap^t Adams Comand^t the Rowe Galley which Formerly belonged to Col. Goram.

5. Plesant Day this Evening thare is a Great Disturbance In Camp among the People by Reason of thare Not having there allowance of Rum Several ware Comited to Guard for words tending to muteny.

6. m^r Philip^s Preached all Day on y^e Perade I dined with Cap^t: Baley major Goldthwait Cap^t willard Cap^t Speakman Doc^t Kast & my Self ware Chosen to Settle Sum Diferenc^s that arose Between Cap^t: Nathan Adams & Oliver Noyse which we Did P:m

7. I was on a Coart marshal for the Tryal of those Solder^s which ware Confined for being Mutineers on y^e account of the Rum we awarded one to be whipped 3 to Ride the Hors & the other^s to be aquited.

8. Half after 5 Am: I marched with major Prible Cap^t Stevens Leiv^t: Herriek m^r Philips Two Regular officer^s with a Party of 50 men from y^e Camp to Foart Gausperen we marched 9 mile^s then Halted att a Large Brige Refreshed our Selves att a French House Near the River than marched to a vilege att y^e Bay of vert Refreshed our Selve^s att one Jaco morel^s House who is one of the Principle Inhabitan^s of y^t vilige this was about 11 Clock Am: then we Passe over a Cassway one & Half of mile In Lenth Came to y^e Foart Gauspeau it is Situated on a Point of Land which Run^s Down to y^e Bay it is Near 10 Leagues from y^s Island of saint Ju^{os} by y^e French account this Chop of the Bay abounds with Clams Oyster^s Lobster^s Ells Macrell &c in Sum Season^s of the year with all Sort^s of Sea Fowl Geace Brant^s Swan^s In very Great Plenty the timbe^r on y^e Land Cheilly

Fyr Cap^t Cobb at Present Comand^s this Foart with Cap^t Jones & 180 men the Foart is Built with Picket^s 4 Blockhouse^s one in Each Corne^r of the Foart the whole Ground y^t it Contain^s is 190 Feet Square a Store House & Barrack^s for 200 men.

9. Plesant Day about 8 Clock A:m I amputated a Legg for one will^m: Thairs Belonging to Cap^t Cobb Company his Native Place was Brantrey after the operation was over all the Gentellmen & Party y^t Came with me Returned to y^e Camp I Remained at the Foart in order to take Care of the man who had his Limb amputated Cap^t Cobb & I went to the vilige about 7 of the Clock In y^e Evening to See a French woman Sick Returned to y^e Foart at 9 Clock.

10. Rainy wind N:E: I went to the vilige again P:m: to visit Sum French y^t: ware Sick.

11. wind S:w: I Dressed will^m Thair's Stump which I Amputated y^e Day before yesterday it Appear^s very well & In a hopefull way.

12. Plsant Day this Day Doc^t whitworth Kast Frenchwell & Veal Hold a Consultation on a man wounded in y^e Feet & Take of one of his Legg^s at Camp he Belong^s to Cap^t Lampson his Name is Allen & Came from Coniecticut.

13. Plesant Day I Came from Gauspereau A:m: Left y^e Cair of the Sick with Doc^t Nye Leiv^t willson Came with 16 men to Guard me to y^e Camp we Rode 2 Horses Belonging to Jaco molis [?] we Got to Camp P:m: went to mass A:m: at y^e Bay of vert.

14. Hot Day I went to Foart Lawrance Dined at Cap^t: Cobb Returned to y^e Camp P:m:

15. wind S:w: Plesant.

16. wind S:w: Blows very Hard.

17. Hot Day Nothing very Remarkble.

18. we Drawed of a N^o: of men to Send Home Such as Invalids.

19. Plesant warm Day.

20. Very Hot m^r Philips Preached all Day.

21. Plesant Day.

22. Doc^t march & I went to Gauspreau to visit y^e Sick thare we took a Party of 13 men with us a Guard we arvd thar 6: Clock P:m:

23. Rany Last Night Doc^t march & I Came to Camp P:m: from Gauspreau.

24. Plesant Day I went to Foart Lawrence Dined at Doc^t Tyler^s Suped at m^r alleus.

25. I Lodged at Foart Lawrance Leu^t: willson Came from Gauspereau Brings an account y^t one of Cap^t Cobb men ware Killed Passing from y^e Foart to y^e vilige on his Hors he & his Hors ware both Killed his Name was whitcum he Came from Hardwike Colonol Munckton ordered major Brown out with 200 men to Gauspereau to Inquire Into y^e Affair.

26. Plesant Day.

27. Plesant m^r Philip^s Preached all Day maj Bourn Returned to Camp & Suposes y^e man afforementioned was Killed by y^e Indians from y^e Island of saint John^s.

28. very Hot Colonol munckton views y^e Invaledes y^t thay may be Sent Home to New England.

29. Nonthing very Remarkable.

30. wind S:w: Blow Hard.

31. we have order^s to Prepar^e to move our Camp^s to whare our Trenches ware.

August y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. we Struck our Tent^s & moved them to y^e Place whare our Trench^e ware & Pitched them.

2. Built a Logg Tent & Coverd the Ruff with ou^r Cloth one at the Trench^e.

3. m^r Philip^s Preached all Day at y^e Camp we sent 80 Invaledes on Board the vesel In order to Go to N:E: Two of them out of our Company.

4. Plesant Sun Rain Last Night.

5. Nothing Remarkable.

6. Very windy & Dry watha^r.

7. Order^s Come for Colonol winslow to be in Redyness to Imbark with 4 Companys for menis.

8. Hot Day I went to Foart Lawrance Settled with m^r Joshua winslow y^e accomp^t of the Company from y^e 10 of April to y^e 14 of August & Reed the mony for to Pay them our Invalde^s Sailed for New England.

9. Very Hot Day I Paid of the Company.

10. very Hot Several of the Inhabitant^s Come to the Foart by Colonol Muneton^s order^s Cap^t Cobb Sailed with 30 of our Solder^s to Sheperdy In order to See the motion of the Enemy thare.

11. Colonol Muneton Got 250 of the Inhabitant^s Into Foart Cumberland & Confined them major Bourn with 150 men Gaured the Greater Part of them to Foart Lawrance whare they are Confined major Prible with 200 men was ordered to Tantamar Cap^t: Perey with 100 men ware ordered to Point abute & Olake In order to Bring in what they Could Find Cap^t Osgood Took a Smal Party as they ware Driveing of thare Cattle & Brought them to y^e Camp Cap^t Lues of y^e Ranger^s marched this morning with a Party of our men to Cobigate Ramshak & Sum other vilige^s 150 mile^s Distant.

12. Cap^t Joseph Goram Came here from Pisquate with two whale Boat^s Bring us the New^s of General Bradock Defeat att y^e Ohio y^t he is Killed & his whole army Put to y^e Rout.

13. Colonol winslow has Orders to Imbark as Soone as Possible with 4 Company^s for Pisquate.

14. Colonol winslow marche^s with Cap^t Adams Hobb^s & Osgood P:m: & as he Passes by Foart Cumberland Colonol Muneton Send^s m^r Munereef & Take^s his Standard from m^r Gay as thay ware on y^e march then he marche^s on to y^e River Masaquash Passes the River with his Bagage & thay all Incamped Nigh the vesels y^t ware to Receive them.

15. Plesant Day Colonol winslow put his Bagage on Board of Cap^t Adam^s y^e Rowe Galley Cap^t Adam^s & Hoob^s on Board of Cap^t: Hodgkin^s Cap^t: Osgood on Board of Cap^t Prible^s Cap^t: Jones Came in from Gauspereau Brings us an accoun^t y^t Sum of the Party which marched from us to Cobigate & Ramshak had arived to Gauspereau with 2 vesels which thay Had Taken from y^e French In a Harbour as thay ware bound for Luesburge with Cattle & Sheap.

16. Cap^t M^r: Cowen Arived from Boston Baeon & Dogget Sailed for Boston Colonol winslow & Party for Pisquate.

17. Cold & Showery Order Came for us to move our Camp up Near Foart Cumberland we Sent the men to Level the Ground.

18. we Moved our Camp & Pitched Near Foart Cumberland Ensign Goram Returned to Camp from Gauspereau he is one who went to Ramshack with Cap^t Lues & he was Sent in with the vesel^s y^t: ware taken from the French & Sent to Gauspereau.

19. I Built my Tent with Loggs &c.
20. Nothing Remarkble.
21. the Syren Cap^t Proba Arived here from Hallefax with 7 Transport^s under her Convoy In order to Cary the French Inhabitant^s of Cap^t Gay arived from Boston In 63 hour^s Pasage.
22. Plesant Day Nothing Remarkble.
23. A Party from Gauspereau Doc^t: Nye Come with them.
24. Cloudy m^r Philips Preached at Camp A:m: went to Foart Lawrence P:m:
25. 40 men Returned upon Party that have bin out with Cap^t: willard to Cobigate &c thay Brought in Several Prisoner^s Burnt Several Fine Viliges.
26. Cap^t: willard Returned with y^e Remaning Part y^t went out with Cap^t Lues & those y^t went with him the People ware much Fetuged I went to Foart Lawrance.
27. Rany Day.
28. major Frye with a Party of 200 men Imbarked on Board Cap^t Cobb Newel & adam^s to Go to Sheperday & take what French thay Could & burn thare viliges thare & at Petcojack.
29. Exceeding Rany a Party Return from Gauspereau y^t Came her after Provision^r our Tent^s Leak very much.
30. Cloudy uncomfortable wather Cap^t: Gilbert Marched to the Bay of vert with a Party of 50 men to Bing in what Inhabitant^s he Could Find & Burn thare Viliges.
31. Plesant Day m^r Wood the Church Person Preached at Foart Cumberland all our Rigement went to Church thare m^r Philips Preached at Camp P:m: & all the Regular^s came to hear him.

Sep^t: y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. Plesant Day Job Crooke^r Came here in a whale Boat from menis with a Packet for Colonol Munckton.
2. Plesant Day major Frye Sent Leiv^t Jun^o Indient on Shore with men to Burn a Vilige at a Place Called Petcojack after thay had Burnt Several Houses & Barns thay ware about to Burn a New masshouse a Large Number of French & Indian^s Ran upon them out of the Wood & Fired on them So y^t thay ware obliged to Retreat Doc^t march who had Just Joyned him with 10 men from Cap^t Speakman^s Party who Came on Shore the other Side of y^e Vilige was Killed on the Spot 22 more Killed & taken Seven wound Badly.
3. Majo^r Fry Returned with his Party & Brought us the afforegoing Account of his Defeat & the wounded men among whom was Leiv^t Bilings Badly wounded threw in the arm & Body. a Party Likewise from y^e Bay of vert under y^e Comand of Cap^t Gibbert who had bin & Consumed that vilige & the House^s adjasent.
4. Leiv^t: Carver Came from Foart Gauspereau with a Partey.
5. Plesant Day order^s for Leiv^t: Lawrance to Imbark with 57 to menis to Joyn Colonol winslow.
6. Sum wet it is Reported y^t thare is a Number of Indian^s Discovered Near the Camp I went to Foart Lawrance Cap^t: Stone with Lumbe^r arived here from Boston.
7. major Prible & I Came from Foart Lawrance to the Camp much Rumor about French & Indian^s y^t Small Party ware Discovered.
8. Plesant Day Nothing Remarkble.

9. the Camp alarmed.
10. Sent 50 French Prisoner^s from Foart Cumberland on Board the transport^r to be Sent out of this Province.
11. Plesant Day I went to Foart Lawrance to Continue thare a Short Time I being not well.
12. Doe^r: Tyler went to y^e Camp to Take Care of the Sick thare.
13. Raney Day we Continue Sending the Inhabitant^s on Board the Transport^r.
14. Plesant Day Cap^t Sturdifant & I went to y^e Camp.
15. Raney major Prible & Goldthwait marched for Gauspereau with a Party of 400 men to Reconoyter that Place Expecting to find Sum of the Enemy Near thare.
16. Sum Cold.
17. Sum Showery I went to y^e Camp Ensigne Hildrake with a Small Party from Gauspereau & make^s no Discovery of the Enemy I Returned to Foart Lawrance.
18. very Hard Gail of wind much Rain & Snow the Camp Greatly Torne to Peases with y^e wind major Prible Returned with his Party having Burnt 200 Houses & Barn^s.
19. Plesant Day.
20. Plesant Day I went to Camp.
21. Plesant Day Cap^t Sturdivant Sick att Fort Lawrance.
22. Cloudy Leiv^t Crooker Came in a Row Boat from Menis with a Packet from Colonol winslow to Colonol Muncton.
23. I wrote to Colonol winslow & Doe^r: whitworth at Menis.
24. Cap^t: Faget sailed for Menis in a Snow Leiv^t Crooker with him.
25. Sum Showery Several officer^s are Building Hut^s att Camp In order to Secure themsel^vs from Inclemency of the wather.
26. Showery Colonol Muncton Revewed the First Battalion this morning at 6 of y^e Clock I came over to Fort Lawrance P:m
27. Colonol Muncton Revewed y^e 2 Battalion^s order^s Came from Col: muncton for 200 men to Hold themsel^vs In Redyness to march to Gauspereau tomorrow morning I went to y^e Camp.
28. this morning 200 men marched for Gauspereau under y^e Comand of major Frye Doe^r: Tyler went with them.
29. Cap^t: Jn^o: Dogget arived here from Boston Brings us the New^s of major General Jonson Ingagemen^t at Lake George & his obtaining y^e Victory thare.
30. Sum Rainy very Hard Storm In y^e Evening.

Oct: y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. Stormy Dark Night Eighty Six French Prisoner^s Dugg under y^e wall att Foart Lawrance & Got Clear undiscovered by ye Centery I Received Letters from New England by Dogget.
2. Plesant Day I went to Foart Lawrance Dined at Bishop^s.
3. I Returned to Camp A:m
4. Plesant Day Nothing Remarkble.
5. Plesant Day m^r Philip^s Preached all Day.
6. Sum Rany P:m: y^e wind Blow^d Hard at S:w: Cap^t Jones Came here from Gauspereau with Forty men.
7. Very hard Storm of wind & Rain Several vesel^s Drove from thare Ankering as thay Lay In y^e Rhole I Came to Fort Lawrance.

8. Pleasant Day I Returned to Camp P:m: y^e Regular^s Began to Enlist our men Into y^e Regular Servis.
9. Cap^t Rowse arived here from Hallefax In order to Hurrey y^e Fleet with y^e Prisoner^s from this Place.
10. Pleasant Day a vesel from New York with Provisions.
11. Stormy Day Cap^t: Dogget Sailed for Boston the Last Party of French Prisoner^s ware Sent on Board y^e vesel^s In order to be Sent out of the Province.
12. Bad Storm & Cold Last Night Person Philips went to Fort Lawrance to Preach.
13. Cap^t Rowse Sailed this morning with y^e Fleet Consisting of 10 Sail under his Comand thay Caryed Nine Hundred & Sixty French Prisoner^s with them Bound to South Carolina & George Cap Mackey Arived here from Boston.
14. Rany A:m: I went to Foart Lawrance P:m:
15. Pleasant Day I Dined at Cap^t: Baley^s Returned to Camp P:m: Exceeding Bad Traviling over y^e mash.
16. Clear wather wind S:w: Blow^s Hard & Sum Cold.
17. Pleasant Day a Party of 37 men under y^e Comand of Two Ensigns ware ordered out to Reconoyter the French & See what Discovery^s thay Can make.
18. wind S: Blow^s hard Sum Rain our Party Returned to Camp without making any Great Discovery Except a Party of French at a Distance who made of into the wood.
19. Sum Pleasant Nothing Remarkable.
20. Sum wet & Rany.
21. Several Gentlemen Suped at Cap^t Malcums.
22. Pleasant Day I went to Fort Lawrance P:m: Leiv^t Curtis with twenty men went up y^e River obare to Reconoiter.
23. Rany & Stormy Leiv^t: Curtis with his Party up y^e River Obare as he was Bringing a Number of Cattle Sheap & Horses was Fired upon by a Party of French & Indian^s Leu^t Curtis ordered his Party to Persue the^m: which they Did very vigorously Keeping a Constand Firing on Both Side^s until thay Discovered 100 more of the Enemy Laying in Ambush for them upon which Curtis & Party Retreated Recovered the Dyke on ye mash ye Enemy Persued them Sum way but our People kep^t up So warm a Fire on thare Retreat it Stoped y^e Persuer^s & thay Got Safe to y^e Fort this after Noon a Small Party went out from Camp under Comand of Ensign Brewer who had a Small Ingagement at a Place Called Olake but no Great Damage Done on Either Side.
24. Pleasant Day Cap^t Gay arived here Last Night from Boston by whom I recived Letters from Boston I Came to Camp P:m:
25. Considerable Hard Frost Last Night.
26. Snow Squall very uncomfortable wather I went on Board Cap^t Gay^s Sloop.
27. Orders Given out for a General Cort marshal for y^e Tryal of Cap^t Samuell Gibert & Leiv^t Lawrance both of the Second Battalio.
28. Cloudy Sum Rain a Gene^t Coart marshal held for the Tryal of Cap^t Samuel Gilbert & Leiv^t: Lawrance Colonol munton Preceden^t & 13 members.
29. I went on Comand with Cap^t: Steven^s this Eveng our Party Consisted of 150 men.

30. we marched Last Night to Pont De Bute & att a Small vilage 3 mile Distant to y^e Northward of s^d Point we Discoverd a Fire upon which we Sorounded y^e house & Rushed on it upon which we Received y^e discharge of three Guns but we Enterd the house without any hurt but it Proved to be Leiv^t Curtis & Ensign Bruer with 35 men who ware out from Fort Lawrance to Reconoiter upon which we turned our Coarse for Olake it Began to Snow about one of y^e Clock this morning we marched as Far as a Large Brige as we Pass ove^r to Tantomar but y^e Day Breaking & the Storm Incresing we Did not think it Proper to Proceed any Further & So Returned to Camp whare we arived about 12 Clock much Fatuged.

31. a Bad Storm of Snow y^e Last 24 Hour^s & Cold our People underwent Greatly with y^e Cold & Storm for: thay Continue in Tent^s.

Camp Cumberland Novb y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. Pleasant Day & thawey.
2. Pleasant Day for y^e Season but bad Training.
3. wind N: very Rany Last Night a Party of 100 men Paraded and Sent to Fort Lawrance under Cap^t Lamson to Joyn majo^r Bourn^s Party In order to go up the River Obair & ampong to Get wood for y^e Garrison.
4. Pleasant Day.
5. three vesel^s Sailed up y^e River obair to Git wood for y^e Fort^s major Bourn went with 300 men to Cut y^e wood & Guard y^e Vesel^s.
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- 12.
13. marched out to westcock with Cap^t willard & 120 men we ware Caryed over y^e River Tantomar In Boats we marched this Night as Far as Eastcock we arived thare about 12 Clock this Night whare we Lodged in a Barn very Cold but Discoverd no Enemy.
14. Pleasant but Cold we marched about Sun Riscing we Discoverd 3 Frenchmen & Fired on them but thay Ran to y^e wood So y^t: we did not Recover them we marched on to Tantomar whare we arived about 11 Clock we Built Fires Killed Sam Hoggs & Sheap & Got a Great Plenty of Roots & Cabish went to Cooking & here we Fired at a Small N^o of French but thay made thare Aseape into y^e wood we Continued here all Day.
15. Pleasant Day we Burnt a Large mass house & 97 Houses more we met Cap^t: Steven^s with 200 men to Reinforce us we Returned to west Cock at Night whare we met Cap^t. Hill with y^e Regulars Colonol Scot major Prible & Several other officers with them & a N^o: of our Troops Came over to us In order to march with us to Memoramcook a vilage about 13 miles from west Cock.
16. Lodged at west Cock Last Night this Day Spent In Killing of Catle & Cooking & Giting in Redyness to march this Evening.
17. Pleasant Day we marched Last Night about 11 Clock with 700 men under Comand of Colonol Scot we marched all Night very Bad Traviling Came to memoramcook about Break of Day we Sorounded about 20 Houses but thay were all Deserted Except one house whare we Found 9 women & Children but no man y^e most of them ware sick we Burnt 30 Houses Brought away one woman 200 Hed of Neat Cattle 20 Horses we Came

away about 10 A m marched for westcock whare we arived with our Cattle about 7 Clock In y^e Evening.

18. major Prible marched with 400 men I marched with him about 10 Clock A:m: for Tantomar whare we arived about Sunset which is Six miles from westcock we Incamped killed 8 Hed of Cattle Sun Hoggs Built Fires & Cooked our Provisions.

19. Sun Cold we Gathered about 230 Hed of Cattle 40 Hoggs 20 Sheap & 20 Horses & marched Back for westcock whare we arived about 4 Clock with all our Cattle we exchanged Sun Guns with y^e Enemy about a mile before we Came to westcock but no damage on our Side.

20. Pleasant Day we mustered about Sunrise mustered the Cattle Together Drove them over y^e River Near westcock Sot Near 50 Houses on Fyre & Returned to Fort Cumberland with our Cattle &c about 6 Clock P:m:

21. Pleasant Day Reced orders for y^e First Battalion to Hold themselves in Redyness to Embark at an Hour^s warning for menis.

22. Pleasant Day I went over to Fort Lawrance P:m: to Settle my account^s & Git in Redyness to Embark.

23. Rany Day I Sent Sun things on Board Cap^t: Hay^s Brigg.

24. Cloudy Rain Last Night wind S:E:

25. Sun Showers & Squally Durty wather Colonol muncton Embarked on Board Cap^t: Cobb for Pisquid all our Troop^s ware Drawn up In order to wait on y^e Colonol on Board Colonol Scot Takes ye Comand.

26. Pleasant Day.

27. Snow Last Night the First Battalion makeing Redy as Fast as Possible to Embark for Pisquid.

28. I wrote to New England by Cap^t Gay.

29. Pleasant Day Cap^t will^m: Nicol^s arived from Boston Cap^t: Roger^s & Bingham Sailed from this Place for Hallelax with Bagage & Received 4 month^s Substantance which is 33£.

30. Pleasant A:m: I went to Fort Lawrance Returned P:m: went on Board y^e Brigg Cap^t: Hayze Bound to Pisquate.

31. [*sic*] Cold we Came to Sail this morning Came Down as Far as y^e Joging Came to Anker by Reason of y^e Currant being So Rapid & Wind a Hed of us Sun Squall^s of Snow.

Decembr y^e 1 AD: 1755.

1. we Came to Sail P:m: wind S:w: Bound for Pisquate.

2. Arived In menis Bason about 12 Clock very Cold Blustering Squally wather Sun Snow & very uncomfortable we Came to Anker.

3. Cold we Came to Sail about 7 Clock A:m: Came up as Far as menis Doc^t: whitworth Came in a whale Boat major Prible m^r Philip^s Cap^t: Speakman & I went on Shore at Grand Pree or menis we went up to Colonol winslows Camp.

4. Pleasant Day major Prible Cap^t: Speakman & m^r Philips went to Pisquate In a whail Boat with Job Crooke^r Doc^t: whitworth & I Took Ensign Fasset with Fiveteen men all on Hors Back & went to Pisquate by Land, which is about 12 miles from Grand Pree Forded Pisquate River & Came to the Fort about 8 Clock In y^e Evening our Troops all Landed Near y^e Fort & mash to a vilege a mile from y^e Fort.

5. very Pleasant Day I Lodged at Fort Edward Last Night Cap^t: Cox Comanded thare our Troops Lodged att y^e vilege Last Night major Prible marched about 2 Clock P:m: Leveing Cap^t Lampson & Cap^t Cobb Compa-

nys at Fort Edward we marched about 8 miles to a vilege Called y^e 5 Houses whare we arived about 7 Clock In y^e Evening.

6. we all Incamped att y^e 5 Houses Last Night marched this morning about Sun Rising marched all Day the Travilling very bad the Land Cheily abounds with Hemlock & them Grow to a Great Haith the Land Tolirable Good we Passed Sum Large Fresh Rivers Snow^s all Day we Incamped Near a Brook Called y^e Bull^s Hed Camp the Snow is now Near Six Intches Deep.

7. we marched about half after seven marched all Day the Land abound with Burch & Hemlock the Soil very Good but very Stony we Incamped Not Far from a Large Fresh River Called y^e 12 mile River it being about 12 miles from Fort Saevile this River abounds with Salmon.

8. Sun Rany we marched Early this morning Bad Traviling we marched over Large Boggs High Hill^s Rocky & uneven Ground but the Soyl appear^s to be Good itt abounds with Burch & Hemlock we Travil 12 miles & Come to a Small Fort Situated att the Hed of a Fine Large Bason Called Hallefax Bason the Fort is Called Fort Saevile it Contains Near an Acre of Ground it is Built with Pickquit^s it is 4 Squared But one Canon & a Few Swivel Gun^s No Blockhouse & In my opinion may be Easely Taken it is Generaly Garosoned with one Cap^t one Subaltron & 50 men when we arived att this Fort it is almost Sun Set thare for we Conclud to Continue Here for y^e Night it is 10 miles from Hallefax & the Traviling Excessive Bad.

9. Pleasant Day we all Lodged att Fort Saevil Last Night major Prible marched in y^e morning with his Party for Hallefax I Got a Passage In a Boat for Hallefax & Came Down the Bason Landed at Hallefax 3 Clock P:m: it is 8 miles by watter from Fort Saevil to Hallefax this Basin abound with Cod Fish & macrill & as I am Informed thare is 70 Fatham of watter in many Parts of it & is So Large as to Contain y^e whole British Navey & as Butifull a Harbor as I Ever See: major Prible march into Hallefax with his Party half after 3 P:m: whare thay had Sufficient Barrack Prepared for them.

10. Sum Rany I Lodged att one Pritchett^s a Publick House went to Dartmoth P:m: with Colonel winslow & major Prible Ensign Gay is Post-ed thare with 50 men Dartmoth is a town laying Opisite to Hallefax on y^e N:E: Side of the Harbour a mile & Half Distant from Hallefax.

11. Cold Day I Lodged att Dartmoth Last Night with Ensign Gay Came over to Hallefax 10 P:m: Dined at m^r Prout^s & Spent the Eveng thare.

12. Snow Last Night we Paraded 150 men who Took Beding & went over to Dartmoth under y^e Comand of Cap^t Speakman to Take up winte^r Quarters thare.

13. Pleasant Day I went over to Dartmoth In y^e Evening.

14. Pleasant Day I wrote to Chignicto by Cap^t Homer who is Bound thare In y^e Province Servis In a Schoone^r with Stores.

15. Pleasant Day I went to Hallefax A:m: Cap^t: Bingham arived from Chignicto with Part of our Bagage Leiv^t Job winslow & Quarte^r maister Juⁿ Brigge with him in s^d Schoone^r.

16. Sum Rany Cap^t Roger^s arived here from Chignicto with the Re-mainder of our Baggage.

17. Pleasant Day I went to Vandue Bought 26 French Regimental Coats.



18. Pleasant Day went to Dartmoth a vesel arived from Boston with Lumbe^r Comanded by one Medcalf.
19. Returned to Hallefax went to Vandue Bought 20 Pair of French Rigemental Briche^s Came over to Dartmoth In Evening.
20. Pleasant Day Nothing Remarkble.
21. Cloudy Sum Cold.
22. Snow wind S:E:
23. Cold wind N:w:
24. very Cold wind N:w:
25. very Cold Christmass I went over to Hallefax Dined att Cap^t: Pickquet^s very Slipery Small Snow on y^e Ground.
26. Sum moderate wather Colonol winslow Came over to Dartmoth to Revey y^e men Posted thare I Came over to Dartmoth with him.
27. Cold & Slipery Sum Rain in y^e Evening.
28. very Pleasant Day m^r Philip^s Preached In Clapum^s windmill P:m: he Returned to Hallefax P:m:
29. Cold Sum Shower^s.
30. Snow & Cold.
31. Pleasant Day we have about 230 of our Troop^s here att Dartmoth this Ends y^e year 1755.

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