

incurred for the expedition got up to carry out their design.¹ The well founded opinion entertained by them of Subercase's valor and ability turned subsequently into proof against him, and although he cleared himself before those to whom he was obliged to justify his conduct, his reputation sustained a severe blow in the public mind, which often stubbornly condemns men who have been acquitted in the Sovereign's tribunals.

1710.

Be that as it may, in August, 1710, an English sixty gun ship, a brigantine and a houepe,² approached Port Royal, and held it so blockaded that no relief could enter, and then for two weeks the garrison slept on the ramparts and in the batteries which had been hastily repaired as far as possible.³

The English fleet arrives at Port Royal.

On the 5th of October fifty-one English vessels entered the basin and anchored before the fort. This fleet was composed of four sixty gun ships, two of forty guns, one of thirty-six, and two bomb galliots; the rest were transports and storeships,⁴ all under General Nicholson, commander-

¹ The English fleet left Nantasket Sept. 18, O. S., 29, N. S., consisting of three fourth rates, the Dragon, 50, Commodore Geo. Martin; Chester, Matthews; Falmouth, 50, Walker Ryddel; two fifth rates: the Leostaffe, 32, Geo. Gordon, and Feversham, 36, Rob. Paston; also the star bomb Rochfort, and Province Galley, Southack, and 24 transports from the colonies and some from England, making in all, 36 sail. The troops were Redding's regiment of marines from England, and six Massachusetts, Connecticut and R. Island regiments. Nicholson, General, Vetch, Adj't-General. Hutchinson, Hist. Mass., ii., p. 165; Penhallow, Indian Wars, p. 59; Lediard, Naval History, p. 848.

² This term is not in dictionaries, and the preceding note does not enable us to guess its meaning.

³ De Gannes in a document entitled "Observations sur les Erreurs de la Relation du Siege du Port

Royal de l'Acadie en la Nouvelle France faite sur de faux memoires par le reverend Pere Charlevoix de la Compagnie de Jesus," says there was only one vessel, a 60 gun ship; that it did not arrive till September; that the ramparts were in good condition, and that the garrison did not sleep on them. The whole fleet arrived Sept. 24, O. S., Oct. 5, N. S. Hutchinson, ii., p. 165; Lediard, p. 848, losing one transport and 26 men on entering. Subercase wrote Oct. 1, announcing his being invested. Murdoch N. S. i p. 311. 874.

⁴ See note 1.

De Gannes says 3 men-of-war, 1 galliot and 7 or eight transports. Francis Nicholson was L't-Gov. of New York and New England in 1688; of Virginia in 1690; Governor of Maryland, 1694-8; of Virginia 1698-1703; Commander of the Canada expedition in 1709-11; Commissioner of accounts, 1714. I find no notice of his birth or death.