

Orderd, That the Secretary publish an Advertisement, that the General Court will assemble on thursday morning at ten o'clock at the Storehouse, to try & determine all causes Civil or Criminal that shall be brought before them.

Orderd, That the Provost Marshal be required to summon twelve from each Quarter of the Town of Halifax to attend The General Court as Jurymen.

HUGH DAVIDSON.

ED: CORNWALLIS.

At a Council held on board the Beaufort on monday the 18th of Septr. 1749.

PRESENT.

His Excellency the Governor.

John Horseman,	John Salusbury,	} Esqrs.
Charles Lawrence,	Hugh Davidson,	
Benjamin Green,	Wm. Steel,	

Capt. Jo. Rous, Commander of His Mys. Sloop Albany.

His Excellency read two Letters from Minas, one from Capt. Jo. Handfield, another from Lieut. Glazier, informing him of two vessels having been attacked by the Indians at Chineeto—belonging to Messrs. Donnel & Winniet—that three Englishmen were killed & seven Indians—As it was known that Leutre the Priest had been some time with the Indians, & it being highly probable that he is there on purpose to excite them to War, It was the Unanimous Opinion of the Council that a Letter be sent to M. Desherbiers, Govr. of Cap Breton to recall Le Lentre, & to tell him that if any French subject enter this Province without permission & join the Indians, It must be looked upon as a breach of faith & Friendship, of which His Britannic Majesty should be informed.

It was the Unanimous Opinion of the Council that no disposition could be made of the Troops to greater advantage than what they are in at present, & That it would be very improper to arm all the Settlers.—But it was resolved that the Ordnance Artificers, with those from New England, & such of the Settlers as have been in the army be armed.

Orderd, That the Naval Officer take bonds of every Master of a Vessel of £50 st. for every Settler they shall carry out of the Colony without the Governor's Licence.

HUGH DAVIDSON.

ED: CORNWALLIS.

At a Council held on board the Beaufort on Sunday the 1st of Oct., 1749,

PRESENT—

His Excellency the Governor,

John Horseman,	John Gorham,
Charles Lawrence,	Ben: Green,
Edward How,	Jo. Salusbury,
	Hugh Davidson.

The Council assembled to take into consideration the late Hostilities committed by Indians of this Province at Canso, Chineeto, & yesterday at the Sawmill upon this Harbour.

They were of opinion that to declare War against them would be in some sort to own them a free people, whereas they ought to be looked on as Rebels to His Majesty's Government, or as so many Banditti Ruffians—& treated accordingly.—They therefore came unanimously to the following resolutions:

That His Excellency give orders to the Commanding Officers at Annapolis Royal, Minas & all others within the Province, to annoy, distress & destroy the Indians every where.

That a Premium be promised of ten Guineas, for every Indian killed or taken Prisoner.

That another Independent Company be raised with all expedition, not exceeding one hundred men, under the command of Major Gilman, this Company to be upon the same footing as Capt. Gorhams as to pay & provisions.

That Mr. Wm. Clapham be directed to raise a company of Volunteers in this Settlement, who may scour all the Country round the Bay, who shall have the same pay & provisions as the troops here & the reward of ten Guineas for every Indian they shall take or destroy.

That a further present not exceeding 1000 bushels of Corn be sent to the St. Johns Indians,—That Capt. Handfield have orders to buy up at Minas 500 bushels of Wheat which should be made into Biscuit & 500 bushels of Pease—to be ready to be shipped as soon as possible.

HUGH DAVIDSON.

ED: CORNWALLIS.

*A Proclamation.*

By His Excellency EDWARD CORNWALLIS Esqr. Captain, General & Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia or Accadie.

Whereas, notwithstanding the gracious offers of friendship,

and protection made in his Majesty's name by Us to the Indians inhabiting this Province, the Mic-macks have of late in a most treacherous manner taken 20 of his Majesty's subjects prisoners at Canso, and carried off a Sloop belonging to Boston, and a Boat from this Settlement, and at Chinecto basely and under pretence of friendship and commerce attempted to seize two English Sloops and murder their crews, and actually killed several, and on Saturday the 30th of September a body of these savages fell upon some men cutting wood and without Arms near the Saw Mill, and barbarously killed four and carried away one.

For these causes we, by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council, do hereby authorize and command all Officers Civil and Military, and all His Majesty's Subjects or others to annoy, distress, take or destroy the savages commonly called Mic-macks wherever they are found, and all such as are aiding and assisting them; and we further by and with the consent and advice of His Majesty's Council do promise a reward of Ten Guineas for every Indian, Mic-mack, taken or killed to be paid upon producing such savage taken or his scalp (as is the custom of America) if killed, to the Officers commanding at Halifax, Annapolis Royal or Minas.

Given at Halifax, the second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and forty nine and in the twenty third year of His Majesty's Reign.

God save the King.

At a Council held in The Governors Apartment at Halifax on Saturday the 14th of Octr., 1749,

PRESENT—

His Excellency the Governor, .

John Horseman,	John Salusbury,
Charles Lawrence,	Hugh Davidson,
Benj: Green,	Wm. Steel.

Ordered, a Proclamation to be published, with a promise of ten pounds st. reward to whoever shall discover the person or persons that assaulted Roger Sowdon the Constable, & likewise a pardon to any of the accomplices that shall discover the rest.

Resolved, That the Justices of peace upon the Death of any person, be empowered to name so many of the neighborhood or Quarter (not exceeding twelve) to which the Deceased belonged, to attend his or her Burial, & carry the Corpse to the Grave—That whatever person so named who shall refuse to attend without a sufficient reason, shall immediately have his name rased out of the Mess Books & Register of Settlers, as unworthy of His Majesty's Bounty.

ED: CORNWALLIS.

(COPY.)

*Govr. Cornwallis to Lords of Trade.*

CHEBUCTO, 11 Sept. 1749.

MY LORDS,—

My last to your Lordships was by Colonel Hopson who would give you an exact account of all our proceedings to that time. Since he sailed the troops have been employed in carrying the line of palissades round the town according to the Plan sent your Lordships. The Square at the top of the Hill is finished these squares are done with double piquets each piquet ten foot long and six inches thick, they likewise clear a space of 30 ft. without the line and throw up the Trees by way of Barricade; when this work is completed I shall think the town as secure against Indians as if it was regularly fortified. I have intelligence from Cape Breton and all parts of this province that the Miemaes design to make some attempts against this Settlement they are joined by the St. Johus Indians and headed by one Leutre a French Priest. The 19th of August they took 20 Englishmen Prisoners at Canso, five of them were settlers that went in a schooner to make Hay the rest were from Boston on the same errand—As soon as the schooner returned with this news, I sent two armed Vessels with Soldiers on board to recover the Prisoners and protect our Men while they bring off all the Hay they can, a thing absolutely necessary for the Winter. One of these Vessels is to proceed through the Gut of Canso and visit all the Ports in those parts and bring me back all the intelligence he can. I gave the Officer particular instructions to avoid quarrel with the Indians if possible. The Indians carried their prisoners to Louisbourg the 29th. Monsr. Desherbiers sent sixteen of them here, and put the other four on board their own vessel then in Louisbourg Harbour. The In-