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and lay at anchor in Minis Bason till about 6 o'clock, when we came to sail and fell down to Cape Procupine; anchored there that night.

April 19. Rainy weather - remained at anchor under Cape Porcupine till 6 o.c. Then came to sail and trend down to Spencer's Island, where we came to anchor.

20. Came to anchor about 6 o.c. Turned down to Isle Holt, and upon the tide of flood with a fine westerly wind run up Chignecto River and came to anchor about 7 o.c. about 3 leagues from the Town of Beaubasin.

21. Windy, rainy, foggy weather. Weighed anchor and ran something nearer the Town and in sight of it, and in a short time after many of the houses and barns were set on fire by the Indians or inhabitants. About 5 o.c. P. M. Cobb came to sail and run up near the Town. Sent a Frenchman on shore who we brought from Minis, but he returned not again. The French and Indians continually firing the houses.

Sun'y 22. Major Lawrence went on board the Cobb, and all the vessels but the Albany came to sail and run up to town - came to anchor about 300 yards from the shore and landed all our forces upon a salt meadow about 1 1/2 miles distant from the Town, which was still on fire, and upon our landing every house and barn, with the mass house, were set on fire and the whole town burnt down by the enemy. By 10 o'clock we had landed all our people, and drew up in order entire upon the meadow. We had soon a flag of truce and several conferences with Mons'r La Consel, and the result of which was that he had orders from the French King to maintain his ground, and should do it to the last; that the town which was burnt was looked upon to be under the jurisdiction of the English, but the other villages to be French, which they would defend. About 1 o.c., the weather being very bad - raining very hard, we were obliged to re-embark on board the vessels, which came up very near the meadow; lay at anchor till the ebb, and then fell down to the Albany and came to anchor.

23. At 10 o'clock came to sail with all the vessels, and stood down the Bay of Minis, the enemy continuing to burn the remainder of the houses at Beaubason; wind variable from the N. E. to N. W. Came to anchor about 5 o'clock off Cape Chignecto, and lay till next morning - little blowing.

24. Came to sail upon the ebb - little wind - and obliged to come to anchor before we could pass Isle Holt. Made sail, and about 7 o.c. came to an anchor under Sherness Island. The wind blew very fresh at night at S., which made a large sea.