

Lords of Trade
Opinion in 1762.
on Governor
Bernard's Grant.

§. 53. Another Grant was made in 1762, to Governor Bernard, of the Island of Mount Desert. This was confirmed by the Crown. But the Lords of Trade in their Letter to Governor Bernard keep up the idea of the whole of the province east of that part which had been the province of Maine being taken off by the Treaty of Ryswick, as connected with and explained by the treaty of Breda. Their Lordship's Letter is in the following words.

Letter from
The Lords of Trade
to
Governor Bernard

" Whitehall March 11th 1763.
" Sir, " We have taken into our con-
sideration your Letter to our Secretary,
dated the first of December, and the
several papers which you have ad-
dressed to the Board, relative to the
Grant of the Island of Mount Desert,
which the General Court of Massachusetts-
Bay is represented to have made
to you in July 1762. We can have

" no

" no objection to your acceptance of this
Grant as a testimony of the approbation
and favour of that province, in whose
service, and in the conduct of whose
affair, you have manifested so much
zeal and capacity; - Nor should we
have delayed our representation up-
on it to the Crown, if the Deed itself
had been before us. - You are sensible
there are some circumstances pecu-
liar to the situation of this tract of
country, which make it necessary to
consider both the case itself, and the
manner of carrying such a Grant
into execution. When We shall be ac-
tually in possession of the Grant, We
will bring the matter to issue, with
all possible dispatch, and endeavour
to decide whatever questions arise
upon it, in a manner which shall
be agreeable, and upon grounds which
shall be just to all parties concerned.

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