

Extract of a Letter from Saint
Johns in Newfoundland dated
the 11th of May 1745.

The Expedition to Cape Breton from
New England amuses us, and are Daily
expecting to hear of Success, as the taking
that place will be of great Consequence to
our Fishery, and to all our American Trade
in general; They are gone against it with
upwards of Four Thousand Land Forces,
Five Sail of Men of War, and Twelve
Sail of large Privateers from sixteen to
Twenty four Carriage Guns which have been
before the Harbour ever since March to
hinder any Supply, and on the 29 last Month
the whole Transports sailed from Canoe,
and landed at Shabarouse Bay on the
Island of Cape Breton, and not more than
Four or Five Miles from the Citadel so
by this time may expect to hear they
have done some Execution, tho it is a very
strong Place, not less than a hundred
and thirty pieces of Cannon, but great
hopes

hopes are expected from the great want
they are reduced to. The time the Men of
War, and Privateers have been there, have
taken Eight Prizes.

Postscript

This moment an Express is arrived
from Cape Breton, from the General, with
the agreeable News of their having taken
the Grand Royal Battery of thirty six,
forty two Pounders, without the loss of
a Man and expected soon to be in the
possession of the Town.