Narrative of Vice Admiral Samuel Graves, December 16, 1774

[Boston] 16th [December, 1774]

Late this Evening by Express the Admiral received a Letter from Governor [John] Wentworth of New Hampshire residing at Portsmouth, that near Four hundred people had forcibly taken possession of his Majesty's Fort William and Mary and by Violence carried away upwards of 100 Barrels of Gunpowder, that he was apprehensive of their commiting farther Outrage, and desired immediate Assistance. Hereupon two ships were dispatched with the utmost expedition.[2]

1. Graves's Conduct, I, 38, 39, MassHS Transcript.

2. H.M.S. Canceaux and H.M.S. Scarborough

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