

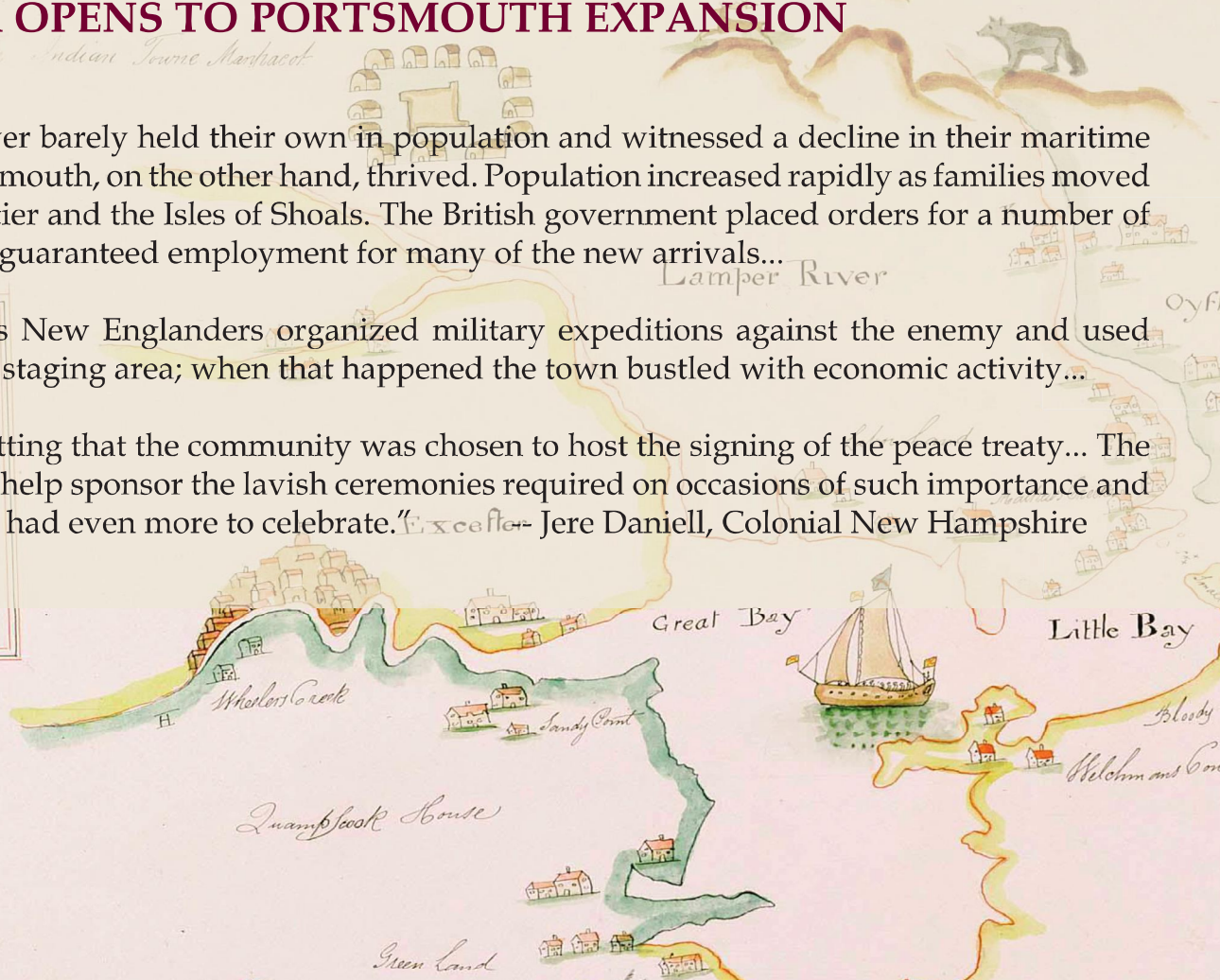
# THE DOOR OPENS TO PORTSMOUTH EXPANSION

"Exeter and Dover barely held their own in population and witnessed a decline in their maritime commerce. Portsmouth, on the other hand, thrived. Population increased rapidly as families moved in from the frontier and the Isles of Shoals. The British government placed orders for a number of warships which guaranteed employment for many of the new arrivals..."

At various times New Englanders organized military expeditions against the enemy and used Portsmouth as a staging area; when that happened the town bustled with economic activity...

It was entirely fitting that the community was chosen to host the signing of the peace treaty... The town could well help sponsor the lavish ceremonies required on occasions of such importance and local inhabitants had even more to celebrate." Excerpt - Jere Daniell, Colonial New Hampshire

*The Indian Towne Portsmouth*  
 P. Shunkes Fort  
 T. Wall Fort  
 G. Mill  
 R. Mill



Just Great and Good are Pincdy E. pithels  
 And each of these your Highness well befitts  
 Key Arme with your great Vertues cannot want  
 Encouragement (creaving what's fit to grant)  
 Serenest Prince I hear (ynlo your eye)  
 Declare (by Magg) how Englands strength doth lye  
 Ynlene in Rivers of the New Plantations;  
 Kingly Comanding Heads of other Nations  
 Equally it to Honour. Neither Spaine  
 Or the boasting Dutch can shew the like againe!  
 Freely accept (Great Sir) the Loyaltie  
 Your mozt Seruant offers to your Eye.  
 Oceans and Rivers King your Pates of Fame,  
 Resounding Echoes to your honourd Name,  
 Kind Heavns and States continue long the same!



"Prospect Draft of Fort William and Mary." Newcastle, New Hampshire, Col. W.W. Romer, 1705. (Source: British Library, London)