

claim to the whole, by memorials filled with the strongest and most evident proofs: and the most trifling answers being returned to these, admiral Boscawen was sent to seize the French ships in North America, that England might have once more something to return to France, as an inducement to that faithless nation to adhere to her treaties. But this expedient was in vain; France appeared evidently to have concerted the means of conquering all the British dominions on the continent of America, and a war was entered into to prevent it. During which the town of Halifax became firmly established; and that being the principal station for our men of war, it naturally caused a quick circulation of money, and the inhabitants are in a very prosperous situation.

Nova Scotia is situated in between  $41^{\circ}.30'$ . and  $49^{\circ}.20'$ . north latitude, and between  $60$  and  $66^{\circ}$ . of west longitude; and is bounded by the bay of St. Laurence, on the north-east; by the river of St. Laurence, on the north-west; by New-England, on the south-west, and by the bay of Fundy, and the Atlantic ocean on the east. According to these limits it contains about 420 miles in length, and 380 in breadth. The south eastern part is a large peninsula, extending from the north-east to the south west, and joined to the main land by an isthmus a little above the gulph of Canso. Though the weather is very sharp in winter, yet the air, especially about the town of Halifax, is remarkably clear, so that the severest frosts are frequently accompanied with a fine azure sky, and sunshine: but though the cold in winter is very severe, the summer is hotter than in England.

The coast has the advantage of many bays, harbours, and creeks, and the land is enriched by many rivers, some of which are navigated for a long course by the native