

was adopted. Why nothing was done in the year 1757, and why no more was done in the year 1758, than the taking of Louisbourg, will be explained on a future occasion ; the ideas contained in the following paper lead to the rest :

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" If the point disputed between us and the French be determinately and precisely understood, the manner of conducting it may soon be fixed. If we are still, as we were at the first breaking out of the war, disputing about a boundary line, and for the possession of such posts, communications and passes as may be a foundation to our possessing of a future Dominion in America, we are still engaged in a petty, skirmishing war. If we have changed the point and brought it to its true issue, its natural crisis ; whether we, as Province of Great Britain, or Canada as the Province of France, shall be supreme in America, then the service to be done is a general invasion of Canada in conjunction with the European troops and fleet ; then is our natural strength employed and we must be as naturally superior. This being fixed the next point is, where the real attack must be made. The same reasons that show the necessity of such an attack, show *that it will never effectually be carried on over land*. Experience has now shown that the possession the enemy has of the posts of strength would render the passage to Canada by land the work of a campaign, even with