

“ Your interfering in his majestys punishment of his subjects in *Nova Scotia*, inflicted for rebellious and treasonable practices against his crown, and his requiring others of them to renew their oaths of fidelity; and in one word your treating the subjects of the crown of *Great Britain* in that province as if you looked upon them as subjects of his most Christian majesty, and being under his allegiance, is, if possible, still more surprizing; and as these attempts are manifest invasions of the undoubted right which every prince has over his subjects, I can't but look upon them as insults upon his majestys government which require no further answer.”

“ After these attempts, Sir, upon his majestys right of government over his subjects in *Nova Scotia*, I am less surprized at your encroachments upon the limits of his province, which you are pleased to call in your letter dependences of the government of *Canada*.”

In the ensuing summer the governor of *Canada* sent an officer with a party of soldiers to take possession of *St. Johns* river, and, that they might give the less alarm to the *English*, this party, according to my information, did not exceed thirty men: and as the most flagrant violations of the rights of others are seldom committed without some pretence, in order to palliate, if possible, this hostile proceeding, whereby they seized a country to which the *British* crown had a clear right by the *Utrecht* treaty, accompanied with thirty years possession, without molestation or claim, they pretended they were to stay there only till commissaries appointed by *Great Britain* and *France* should settle the limits of *Acadia*, of which province the *French* governor now pretended this river was not part, but of the dependences of *Canada*. This party not being repelled upon their coming they continued from time to time encreasing various ways in their number, adding encroachment to encroachment, and one hostility to another, until they had seized the main body of the province, and  
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