

open a Road to *Pentagoet* and *St. John's River* from *Quebec*, so that a continual Intercourse might be carried on this Way between the two Provinces, by which Means in case of any Disturbance or Invasion from the *English*, Assistance might arrive from *Canada* Time enough to prevent any irretrievable Mischief.

Mr. *Colbert* had this Affair much at Heart, and to carry it into Execution sent one of the Commissaries of the Marine to make an exact Survey of every Part of the Country, which was accordingly executed with all possible Diligence: But the People of *Canada* being at that Time forced into a War with the *Iroquois Indians*, this, together with a pestilential Distemper, which swept off vast Numbers of the Inhabitants, prevented, happily for *England*, any further Progress towards completing this Project.

As we are much indebted to this War of the *Iroquois*, which made a Diversion so favourable for us, it will not be amiss to give an Account of the Rise and Occasion of it.

One *Dupuys*, a *French* Officer, having transplanted a Colony of *French* into a Village of these *Indians*, there happened some Time after a May to arise between some *Indians* and the *French*, wherein three  
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