

transacted the affairs of the treaty of *Breda*, with great approbation of his King, because he makes *Pentagoet* the first place in *Acadia*.

They reject the authority both of the *French* and *English* ministers concerned in the said treaty, and prefer that of *Sir Thomas Temple*; because they make *Pentagoet*, *St. John's* fort, *Port-Royal*, and others, to belong to *Acadia*, and *Sir Thomas* does not.

They reject the authority of their Kings *Lewis XIII.* and *XIV.* who from the year 1632 assigned the rivers *St. Laurence* and *Kennibek* as the limits of *Acadia*; because 'tis with them a modern regulation, though established forty years before *Denys* wrote.

Lastly, they suppress, and consequently reject, the testimony of *Champlain*, the first discoverer of *Acadia*, and those parts, in 1603; for no other reason, doubtless, but because he knew the limits of *Acadia* best, and his report subverts their system.

Whatever reasons the *French* Commissaries might have to reject the authority of some, and differ in opinion from others, it must needs seem surprizing to every body, that they should disagree so widely from *Mr. Durand*, who but the year before had exhibited to the *English* Ministers a memorial, explaining the sentiments of the *French* Ministers with respect to the ancient limits of *Acadia*, supported, as he said, by all the *bisitors* and maps of all nations.

However, I would not have it thought, that I impute this receding from their predecessor's demands,