

*Orbis* was printed before he saw the edition of *Champlain's* voyages published in 1632; although his own work was not published till the year after: this appears from his own words, l. 2. c. 22. where he says he had made use of *Champlain's* memoirs, but could find no account of the *French* affairs, after the year 1616; consequently the voyages he consulted were those printed in 1614, or in 1619, in 8vo. Had he seen the others he would never have limited *Acadia* to the peninsula, but have fix'd its northern bounds at the river *St. Lawrence*. But, supposing he had not; his dissent, tho' a learned and judicious writer, yet would not in the least have alter'd the case or lessen'd the authority of *Champlain*. For, after all, questions of this nature are to be decided solely by the relation of travellers. The opinions of geographers are not to be regarded farther than as they appear to be supported by the authority of such persons; from whom they ought to take their information.

But to proceed: if *Denys* then is of the same sentiments with *Champlain*, with respect to the ancient bounds or extent of *Acadia*, as *Charlevoix* affirms; those sentiments must be widely different from what that candid author affirms they are, for he says *Denys* also reduced them to a bare coast. After so many flagrant instances of his want of truth, it may be presumed that the reader will not take his word for any thing; and we might be spared the farther trouble of giving any of his assertions a formal refutation: but as it must have cost him no small pains to broach so many glaring falsehoods, it would be doing injustice, both to his abilities and labours that way, not to make the public thoroughly acquainted with them.