

chorage all over the Bafon, and at the Bottom lies a Point of Land which parts two Rivers, where the Tide riles 10 or 12 Foot, and on each fide are *pleasant Meadows*; doubtless the Place, describ'd by the first Adventurers thither for a Settlement, but all along from Sir Samuel Argal's Expedition to Major Sedgwick's, and so on to later Times, Ships have often gone thither to load Lumber, and trade for Peltries. It is or might be made a good Barrier to *New-England*, which having a long Frontier towards the *Indians*, cannot be too safe against them, the *French* being ready to confederate with them. *New-Scotland* puts the latter at a greater Distance from them, and that will in great Measure hinder their assisting the *Eastern Indians*, about *New-Hampshire*, in time of War.

The reducing this Place was doubtless a good piece of Service, not only for the Reasons just mention'd, but because, as Mr. Dummer writes, "*Port-Royal* was a nest of Privateers, and a *Dunkirk* to the *American Trade*, besides it was the Head Quarter from whence Parties of *French* and *Indians* issu'd out, and fell upon the Eastern Parts of *New-England*," which made it of such Importance to the *English*, that it was very well for us the *French* had not so good an Opinion of it, as there was Reason to fear; for the Managers of the *Utrecht Treaty* were in too good Humour to have deny'd them Peace, had they deny'd the Cession of *Acadia*, tho' then in our Possession. Col. Nicholson going to *England* some Time after its Reduction, was solemnly invested with this Government, with the Title of Governor of *Nova-Scotia*, and of *Annapolis-Royal*, and Commander of all her Majesty's Stores there, and in *Newfoundland*. This Gentleman was much enamour'd with Government and sounding Titles.

What relates to *New-Scotland* in the *Utrecht Treaty* is thus in the XIIth Article: *All Nova-Scotia, or Acadia, with all ancient Boundaries, as also the City of Port-Royal, now call'd Annapolis, and all other Things in those Parts, which depends on Lands and Islands, together with the Dominion, Property, Possession of the said Islands, Lands, and all Rights whatsoever, by Treaties, or by any other ways obtained, &c.* To which the *French King* graciously added the Exclusion of the Subjects of *France* from Fishing on the Coast of *Nova-Scotia*, and within 30 Leagues, beginning from *Cape Sable*, and stretching along to the South-West. The Subjects of *Great-Britain* were in Possession of *New-Scotland*, when this Treaty was set on Foot; the *French* having the Fishery on the Coast of *Cape Breton Island*, and in the Sea to the Bay of *St. Laurence*, the