

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*; doubtlefs the Place, describ'd by the firft Adventurers thither for a Settlement, but all along from Sir *Samuel Argal's* Expedition to Major *Sedgwick's*, and fo 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 fafe againft 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 Meafure hinder their affifting the *Eastern Indians*, about *New-Hampshire*, in time of War.

The reducing this Place was doubtlefs a good piece of Service, not only for the Reafons juft mention'd, but becaufe, as Mr. *Dummer* writes, "*Port-Royal* was a neft of Privateers, and a *Dunkirk* to the *American* Trade, befides it was the Head Quarter from whence Parties of *French* and *Indians* iffu'd out, and fell upon the *Eastern* Parts of *New-England*," which made it of fuch Importance to the *English*, that it was very well for us the *French* had not fo good an Opinion of it, as there was Reafon 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 Ceffion of *Acadia*, tho' then in our Poffeffion. Col. *Nicholfon* going to *England* fome Time after its Reduction, was folemnly invefted 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 founding 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 alfo the City of Port-Royal, now call'd Annapolis, and all oiber Things in thofe Parts, which depends on Lands and Iflands, together with the Dominion, Property, Poffeffion of the faid Iflands, Lands, and all Rights whatfoever, by Treaties, or by any other ways obtained, &c.* To which the *French* King graciously added the Exclufion of the Subjects of *France* from Fifhing on the Coaft of *Nova-Scotia*, and within 30 Leagues, beginning from *Cape Sable*, and ftretching along to the South-Weft. The Subjects of *Great-Britain* were in Poffeffion of *New-Scotland*, when this Treaty was fet on Foot; the *French* having the Fifhery on the Coaft of *Cape Breton* Ifland, and in the Sea to the Bay of *St. Laurence*,