

missaries never met, and the Affair died away without any farther Notice.

In the Year 1720, Col. *Rickards* was appointed Governor of *Newfoundland*, and *Nova Scotia*, where, being justly offended with the pert and saucy Behaviour of the *French* Inhabitants, he had a mind to bring them into better Manners, and began by forbidding them all Commerce with the Island of *Cape Breton*. After which, he ordered that they should all within a limited Time acknowledge themselves Freeholders under the Crown of *Great Britain*. But they immediately assembled together, and let the Governor know, that they look'd upon themselves to be independent on the Crown of *England*, and held the Title to their Lands by a Grant from the King of *France*, their lawful Sovereign; and that if he proceeded to push them to Extremities, he should find them Savages in Reality.

Before this, and soon after the Peace of *Utrecht*, they had furnished the Colony of *Cape Breton* with Wives for the better peopling of that Island: And lately, in the Year 1746, being assisted by Monsieur *Junquiere*, who succeeded to the Command of the *French* Fleet, after *D'Anville's* Death, they made a dangerous Attack upon the *New England* Auxiliaries, at *Minas*; so that upon all Occasions they have made good their Words given in 1711, to the Governor of *Quebec*,
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