

## CHAPTER II.

## ACADIA AND THE ACADIANS.

As the success of the London and Plymouth Companies could not but stimulate others to follow their example, the indefinite nature of their claims precluded any immediate prospect of settlement to the south of the Bay of Fundy, excepting by their agency. The attention of England was therefore directed to the late French settlements in Acadia as the most desirable locality, and the more so as the prosperity of the southern settlements seemed in a great measure to depend on its being inhabited by people whose interests were not in opposition to theirs, if only to prevent circumstances from arising similar to those which had led to the expedition against Mount Desert and Port Royal, and ended in the dispersion of