

noted Carrying-place, made use of by the several *Indian Tribes* inhabiting that Part of the County, in their Passage to and from *Canada*, which separates the Head of the aforesaid River from that of the River *Claudiere*, which last falls into the great River *St. Lawrence*, at four Miles and a half above the City of *Quebec*.

And I have received further Intelligence that the *French* are settled very thick for twelve Miles on each Side the said River *Claudiere*, at about thirty Miles Distance above the Mouth of it, and in the Mid-way between the River *St. Lawrence*, and the before-mentioned Carrying-place. And the Captain of *Richmond Fort*, in his Letter, dated 23d of last *January*, informs me, that the *Norridge-wock Indians* had declared to him, "That they had given the new *French* Settlers upon the Carrying-place, Liberty to hunt any where in that Country, as a Recompence for the great Service they will be of to them in a Time of War with the *English*, by supplying them with Provisions and military Stores."

The same Officer farther acquaints me, in another Letter dated *Feb. 11*, That several *Indians* of the *Arrestigunticook*, and some of the *Penobscott Tribe*, amounting, together with the *Norridge-wock Indians*, to sixty effective Men, besides Boys capable of bearing Arms, were then lately arrived in the Neighbourhood of the Fort under his Command; and that tho' they assembled there under Pretence of writing a joint Letter to me, as they had done, yet he had Reason to expect, from their haughty insolent Behaviour, the repeated open Threats of some of them, and the private Warnings from others, that as soon as the Rivers should be free from Ice, they would commit Hostilities against the *English* upon that and the neighbouring Rivers; in which they intimate, they are to be assisted by a Number of *French* from *Canada*, disguised like *Indians*. And in another Letter dated the 10th of *March*, he acquaints me, that the *French Priest*, Missionary to the *Indians* of the River *Kennebeck*, appeared to him to be continually using Artifices to excite the *Indians* to prevent our Settlements from being extended higher up, to set them at Variance with the *English*, and dispose them to a War with them this Spring.

Most of these Accounts are confirmed by the Declarations of the before-mentioned Letters at *Frankfort*, with the