

either confessed by both Courts, or proved by authentic and incontestible Pieces. Those which were found in the Cabinet of General *Braddock*, after the Engagement which cost him his Life, have given such Lights into the Plan of the Court of *London*, as were not intended for public View, till after having try'd all possible Ways, sparing the *English* Ministry the Mortification of seeing their System-unvailed.

By the Treaty of *Utrecht*, *France* had added to *England*, *Nova-Scotia*, or *Acadia*, according to its ancient Limits, as also the Town of *Port-Royal*. It is probable, that at that Time, the Ministry of *Great-Britain* had nearly the same Idea of *Acadia*, properly so called, as had ever been entertain'd in *France*; but certain it is, that at that Time they had never dreamt of extending this Province as far as the Southern Banks of the River *St. Lawrence*.

Accordingly the *French* settled upon the River *St. John*, all along the Coast of the *Etchemins*, and from that Coast as far as the River *St. Lawrence*; even the Inhabitants of *Minas*, in the-Neighbourhood of the *Isthmus*, and the other Countries nearest to that which had been ceded to *Great-Britain*, found no Change in their Condition, or in their Possessions. The *English* neither attempted to drive them out of the Country, nor to oblige them to take the Oath of Allegiance to the King of *England*.

These Inhabitants continued peaceably to enjoy their Estates under the Protection of the King, whom they had never ceased to regard as their lawful Sovereign.

From the Year 1744 until 1748, the Scene of War was opened in *America*, as it had already been in *Europe*; but the Object of it there was no other than that which had already divided the Powers on the old Continent. There was then no Question about the Limits of the respective States, nor about the Interpretation of the Treaty of *Utrecht*; the Sense of which, clear in itself, seemed the more fixed by the peaceable Possession of both Nations. Thus, by the fifth Article of the Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, it was thought sufficient to stipulate a Restitution of all