

The ANCIENT RIGHT of the ENGLISH NATION

“ The river of *St. Johns*, upon which that part of the
 “ *Indians* to which you chiefly refer, is seated, has been ever
 “ deemed to be situated within the heart of *Nova Scotia*, and
 “ consequently that tribe of *Indians*, together with the *French*
 “ inhabitants upon the same river, are within his majestys
 “ territories; and accordingly, Sir, the latter have acknow-
 “ ledged themselves ever since the treaty of *Utrecht*, to be the
 “ subjects of *Great Britain* by taking the oaths of fidelity and
 “ allegiance to it, and have had the protection of his majestys
 “ government in common with his other subjects in that pro-
 “ vince: this being the case, these *Indians* when the advice of
 “ a rupture between his majesty and the king your master was
 “ hourly expected, under the pretext of sending a deputation
 “ to Mr. *Mascarene*, to desire they might remain in peace
 “ and amity with the *English* notwithstanding war should
 “ happen between the two crowns, gained admission into
 “ *Annapolis Royal* for some of their tribe, who were in reality
 “ (as it afterwards proved) spies; and having obtained Mr.
 “ *Mascarenes* agreement to what they pretended to propose
 “ in behalf of their tribe, and being honourably treated and
 “ dismissed by him, returned in three weeks after, among others
 “ of their tribe, with the missionary *Le Loutre* at their head,
 “ surprized and killed as many of the *English* at *Annapolis*
 “ *Royal* as they caught without the fort, destroyed their cattle,
 “ burnt their houses, and continued acts of hostility against
 “ the garrison till the arrival of the first party of succours
 “ which I sent it from *New England*; such was the entrance
 “ of these *Indians*, Sir, into the war with us, and their alli-
 “ ance with you.”

“ For this perfidious behaviour I caused war to be declared
 “ in his majestys name against them at *Boston* in *November*
 “ 1744, and, so far as it depends upon me, they shall not be
 “ admitted to terms of peace till they have made a proper
 “ submission for their treachery, unless they should be already
 “ comprehended in the definitive treaty of peace and friend-
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