

“ 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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