

To render the whole more plain and intelligible, it seems proper, previously to mention his Majesty's undoubted Right to those Territories, that the French have been, and are now invading, and fortifying themselves upon ; and to give a succinct Account of the Encroachments they have made since the Treaty of *Utrecht*, and the later one of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, with some other occasional Remarks.

*Sebastian Cabot*, who sailed from *England*, with a Commission from *Henry* the VII. first discovered the Northern Continent of *America*, in 1497 ; and took Possession of it for that Monarch.

It is needless to take Notice of what particular Parts of this Continent the French have since at different Times possessed themselves, which have been afterwards confirmed to them by Treaty ; or to ascertain the exact Boundaries of all his Britannick Majesty's Territories in *North-America*.

It will be sufficient for the present Purpose, to observe, that the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, or *Accadia*, was first granted by King *James* I. under certain, determinate Bounds.

That the French were afterwards in Possession of it ; that during the Time of their Possession, they understood the Limits to extend every Way as far at least, as those described in King *James's* Grant. That