

The author of the *Summary*, to make the refusal of the *English* to yield them the river *St. John* appear the more invidious, pretends, p. 13. that their reason is, " Because they intend to make a " communication by land along the coast, and " round the *French* (or *Fundy*) bay, and the most " eastern parts of *Acadia*." Which project he treats as chimerical, tho' it will be necessary when the country comes to be settled : but supposing it should not, he ought not to have assigned this as the only reason they have for the refusal, when there were so many others of much greater importance before his eyes. But it must be remembered, that the whole business of the *Summary* is to suppress and impose.

As to the suggestion, that the *English* keep this river and the country of *Nova Scotia*, chiefly because their design is to conquer *Canada*, it is so absurd in itself, that it scarce deserves to be taken notice of. If the *English* were so fond of conquering *Canada*, they would have done it many years ago, when there was small difficulty in the undertaking to what there might be now. But the *French* have for a long time given them so great provocation from thence, that their Ministers think we ought to conquer it. However that may be, the possession of the river or country in question, does not give the *English* a better opportunity of conquering *Canada*, than it would the *French* of conquering the neighbouring provinces, which would then be surrounded by them.

If the forbearing disposition of the *English* for many years past be considered, it will appear that they