

## *The* PREFACE.

nimals, Vegetables, Mettals, Minerals, and other the Produce thereof; together with an Account of the great River Mefchacebe, and the Rivers which increase it both from the East and the West; as likewise a brief Relation of the Coast of this Province, on the Bay of Mexico, and the Rivers, Harbors, and Islands belonging to it; all which, I flatter myself, are more particular and exact than any Thing the French have publish'd relating thereto. The same may be said of the annex'd Map, which no doubt is the best of its Kind extant. By both which the Reader will see, how contiguous this Province lies to our already settled Colonies, which are entirely surrounded by it, and the other Lands to the Northward, by the French call'd Canada or New France, tho' those to the Southward of the great Lakes they most unjustly claim the Property of. For they were, about the Beginning of the Reign of King James II. made over and surrender'd, by the Irocois and their Allies, to the Crown of England,

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