

part of any power whatsoever, that it will be no difficult matter to efface the ill impressions which the court of France might have conceived from the false reports that possibly have been suggested to it on that head.

The only thing, which might have with justice given umbrage to the court of France, were a well grounded apprehension of the king's having given orders for extending the settlements in New Scotland, beyond what his majesty was entitled to by the twelfth article of the treaty of Utrecht.

But this apprehension falls of itself; as the king, agreeable to the desires of the most christian king, has consented to refer to the commissaries the settling of the limits of New Scotland, according to its ancient boundaries; as well as the limits of, and right of possession to the several Islands and countries, about which the two nations have any dispute: moreover, is it to be supposed the king would make settlements, which are necessarily attended with so much expence, in a part of the province to which his right was not clear and indisputable?

The limits therefore, of Nova Scotia being referred to the examination of the commissaries, it is needless here to make replies to all the assertions contained on that subject, in the said memorial of the sieur Durand.

The sieur Durand has also taken some sort of notice in his memorial of the plan designed