

about *three* Leagues in Length from North East to South West, and *two* in Width, with safe and commodious Anchorage in most Parts of it for all the Ships in *England*; on its South Side are two small Rivers of little Consequence, and the Land is mountainous and rocky; on the North-East Side a little Island forms the Entrance of *Annapolis*' River, which continues navigable for large Vessels on that Course about *ten* Leagues.

At the Mouth of this River are several small *French* Villages, from whence 'tis about *two* short Leagues to *Annapolis Royal*, which stands upon a Point of Land, formed by this and another small River that ranges about South East: The Situation of this Fortrefs being elevated *sixty* or *seventy* Feet above the Level of the River, and standing on its Bank, renders an Attack from Ships almost impracticable, for the Strength of the Tides makes it very difficult for them to moor, unless it be in the Eddy or Counter-tide, which brings them too near the Shore to do any Execution.

As it is situate on a Level with the *Campain*, there is nothing to prevent the regular Approaches of an *Enemy* on two Sides of the Garrison; it is mounted with a about *forty* Cannon on *four* *Bastions*, and has a Battery to command the River; its *Ramparts* are of Earth, covered with large Stocks of Timber towards the *Fosse*; and it might make a good Defence, were its Powder *Magazine* Bomb proof, which is doubted; and as several of the other *Magazines* and *Barracks* are built of Timber, its Garrison might easily be burnt out: 'Tis defended by about *one hundred and thirty* Men, exclusive of the *New England* Auxiliaries, who, in the Course of two or three Years, have, in a manner, rebuilt the Fort, under the Direction of the *Engineer**. Upon both Sides of this River, several pleasant Villages are scattered for *thirty* Miles, containing about *three hundred* Families, who being aw'd by the Garrison are the most, if not the only tractable Inhabitants in the Province, On

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