

made use of this Opportunity to dispossess them of the whole, and in the Year 1654 a Fleet was sent from *New England*, which, in the then Confusion of the Country, met with very little Difficulty in reducing the Western and Southern Divisions, and having secured *La Heve*, *Port Royal*, *St. John's River*, and *Pentagoet*, returned home, not extending their Views so far as to *Chedabouctou*, which they were satisfied lay at too great a Distance to give *them* any Disturbance.

In making this Conquest the *Bostoners* look'd no farther than the Concerns of their own Interest, and having driven these Disturbers of their Trade out of that Part of the Country which lies nearest to *New England*, and by this Means secured to themselves quiet Enjoyment of the Fishery, left the *French* in Possession of the other Part, which was of equal Importance to their Mother Kingdom.

By this impolitic Step the whole was lost not long after, in the Year 1664, by the Treaty of *Breda*. For the *French* finding themselves at that Treaty in Possession of one half of the Country, were encouraged by it to pretend a Claim to the whole, which was accordingly granted to them under the specious Name of a Restitution. The Act for which was signed at *Boston* by Sir *W. Temple*