

1754. “ tempts of the *French* and *Indians*, and he
 “ be enabled to effect the building the Fort,
 “ and to destroy any *French* Settlements, that
 “ might be carrying on, they would make
 “ Provision for the Pay and Subsistence of
 “ 500 Men” (which they afterwards augmented to 800) “ and that they would make
 “ ample Provision for his Voyage, and an Interview with the *Indians*, if he should think
 “ proper ; hoping that by his prudent Management those *Indians* would be convinced,
 “ that it was their Interest to continue in
 “ Peace with the *English*.”

In the Summer following Mr. *Shirley* proceeded to the Eastern Parts of the *Province* with the Troops raised for that Service, renewed a Treaty of Peace with the *Norridgewalk* and *Penobscot Indians* at *Falmouth*, and with their Consent built Fort *Western* and Fort *Halifax* upon the River *Kennebeck*, the former about 37 Miles from the Mouth of it, and the other about 54 ; and the Troops penetrated to the head of the *Kennebeck*, and very near the head of the Carrying-place, which divides it from the *Chaudiere* ; but found no *French* Settlements either upon the *Kennebeck* or Carrying-place, the *French* having been prevented, as appeared afterwards, from making any, by the Attempts they were engaged in upon the *Ohio*.

Of these Proceedings Mr. *Shirley* transmitted an Account to his *Majesty's Ministers* in *England*, and about the same Time represented