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were suffered to go on, or but feebly opposed, they would greatly distress the British Colonies, and in Time become absolute Masters of them all; and finally to shew from the State of the Colonies with Relation to Great-Britain, how far she herself would be affected by such a Change of Dominion in North-America.

The great Armament the French have fitted out since that Time, and sent hither at such a vast Expence, confirm the Observations upon the Plan of the French Court with Regard to this Part of the World, and the near Approaches they have made to the actual Execution of a great Part of it, are a convincing Proof of the Danger, to which these Colonies must be always exposed, from the boundless Ambition of that Court, unless a watchful and constant Attention be given to all their Motions by the Crown of Great-Britain.

If this Attention had not been given at this Juncture, Nova-Scotia, now more than ever secured to the Crown of Great-Britain, would before this Time have been in the Hands of the French. Of what fatal Consequence that would have been not only to the rest of his Majesty's Colonies in North-America, but to Great-Britain it self, enough is said in the following Pages. Neither is it to be imagined, that we are altogether free from Danger from that Part of the Squadron which hath escaped the Vigilance of
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