

“ the limits between *New England* and *New France* ought  
 “ not to have undergone any change, and ought now to be  
 “ what they were before the treaty of *Utrecht*, which hath  
 “ altered nothing in that respect.” And by their memorial  
 of the 16<sup>th</sup> of *November* following they express themselves  
 thus. “ The commissaries of his *Britannick* majesty having  
 “ desired the commissaries of the king to explain themselves  
 “ more precisely respecting the ancient limits of *Acadia*, the  
 “ said commissaries of the king declare that the ancient *Acadia*  
 “ beginneth at the extremity of *Baye Françoisse*, from cape *St.*  
 “ *Mary*, or cape *Fourchu*; that it extendeth itself along the  
 “ coasts, and terminateth at cape *Canso* [i].”

Whereupon the *British* commissaries proceeded, and by a  
 series of authentic, forcible, and proper evidence, with clear,  
 solid, and conclusive reasons, maintained the *British* claim  
 against all objections, fully refuting the *French* pretensions,  
 and frustrating their manifold devices. The public being in  
 possession of the *British* proofs and arguments, with the pre-  
 tensions of the *French* commissaries, it may suffice here to  
 say that, contrary to the course of historical and geographical  
 knowledge—to the most solemn transactions of the two  
 crowns, whereby the country of *Acadia* as now claimed was  
 by the *English* several times delivered up to the *French*,—to  
 the express adjudication and determination made by king  
*Charles II.* at the instance of *France*, with the subsequent exe-  
 cution—to that notorious extended possession which ever  
 accompanied the *French* title when they held this country  
 under the name of *Acadia*—to the *French* declarations when  
 they attempted to enlarge the bounds of *Acadia*, and make  
 a portion of *New England* part of it—to the *acta regia* of  
 the *French* crown for the government of it when parcel of  
 their dominion—and contrary to the plain sense of the  
*Utrecht* treaty, and the order of the *French* king given for  
 yielding up this province to the queen of *Great Britain*, they

[i] Memorials of the *English* commissaries, &c. p. 10, 11.