

practicable, and therefore they commonly cross the Rivers below in *Canoes* with their small Arms and Ammunition, their larger Stores being landed out of Vessels from *Canada* at *Tetamagauche*. Several Places here seem well situated for erecting a Fortrefs, upon one of which, an Eminence surrounded with Marsh, and commanding both the River and the Town, appears to be the most eligible for that Purpose *. From this Place by Land to *Caobegat* on the Bay of *Minas* it is near *twenty* Leagues, and from thence to the Town of that Name it is near *twenty* more.

MINAS being the principal Place in the Province, and the Center of all its Settlements, requires a more particular Description.

It is composed of a Number of Villages and Farm-houses, extending *six* or *eight* Miles in Length, and including some Towns a little more remote, contains about a *thousand* Families; I don't mean so many Housekeepers, but such as would be thus denominated among the *English*, for here it is customary when one of a Family marries, to enlarge the Mansion-houle, and by the Addition of new Apartments, they make Room for the expected Progeny; from this Practice 'tis common to find *three* or *four* Generations under one Roof; it is computed that they amount to about *seven thousand* People, and were the Inhabitants industrious they might produce immense Quantities of Corn; the Soil of their Marshes having been always subject to the periodical Overflowing of the Spring Tides, is composed of the Fat and Slime that has been washed from the inland, and mountainous Parts of the Country, by Rains, and the melting of Snow for Ages

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* It is well known that many of the Inhabitants of this Place have actually bore Arms in Conjunction with the *French* and *Indians*, and were concluded to be with them when they attacked the Auxiliary Troops at *Minas* in the Winter 1746. *Monf. Jonquier* who commanded the *French* Fleet at *Chabuço* after *D'Anville's* Death, furnished all Persons in the Province who were fit for Service, with Arms and Ammunition to assist him in the Reduction of *Louisbourg*.