

Obstructions which both the *French*\*, and *Indians* have made in Prejudice to any Protestant Settlements, when compared with the easy Terms on which Lands are granted in other Parts of North *America*, evidently accounts for the present Situation of the Province.

Since it is apparently for the public Interest, that the growing State of these *Nova Scotians* should be checked, that they should either be rendered useful, or prevented from becoming dangerous to the other Colonies, it cannot more effectually be done, than by erecting such Fortifications, as will keep their most populous Towns in Subjection, and at the same time serve as a Protection to the proposed Settlements in the Province; a more particular Description of which seems necessary in order to carry so useful a Design into Execution.

*ABOUT* seventeen Leagues North from Cape *Sable*, the Entrance of the Bay of *Fundy* commences, where it is about twenty Leagues wide, and extending near forty Leagues, divides itself into two Branches, one of which terminates in several Rivers, that discharge themselves into *Minas Bay*, and the other running more Northerly to *Chignecto*, forms an *Isthmus* of that Name between this Branch and the Bay of *Vert*, which empties itself into the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*.

Twelve Leagues from the aforesaid Entrance on the South Side of the Bay, lies the Gut of *Annapolis*, which is about three Quarters of a Mile wide, and a Mile and an half long, on each Side of which the Land is very mountainous and rocky; the Tides are so impetuous, as often to render this a dangerous Passage for large Vessels, but when they are once in, a most delightful Harbour presents itself to View, called the *Basin* of *Annapolis*, from the gradual Declivity of the Lands surrounding it, being

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\* It has always been found impracticable to settle here, without entering into a Contest with the *French*, who either have a real, or trump up an imaginary Title to the same Spot; and if that fails, the *Indians* are sure to challenge the Property as Lords of the whole. And indeed 'tis difficult to determine what Right the present Inhabitants have, or how extensive it is, without a special Esquiry and Survey.