

ing the settlement. * These perfidious practices were not only countenanced, but warmly encouraged by

* If any thing, after observing these encroachments, which followed so close upon the treaty can be wanting, to shew that France, at the time of making the peace, had determined to take the first favourable opportunity of seizing upon the province; and was preparing every measure which could pave the way for it; the behaviour of the governor of Canada and bishop of Quebec at this juncture must put it out of the question.

As their proceedings will be best disclosed by the insertion of the letter written by the governor of the Massachusetts Bay upon this occasion to the governor of Canada, we have procured a copy of it, and shall here print it.

S I R,

Two days ago I received from Mr. Mascarene, a copy of your letter to him dated at Quebec the 15th of January; wherein (among other demands) you call upon him to acquaint you, whether he intends to comprehend the Abenaki Indians, [who spread themselves between Massachusetts Bay, and St. John's river] in the peace, without requiring any kind of submission from them; and desire that in such case he would engage me to let them resetttle in their village, and their missionaries remain there with them unmolested as they did before the war, only as your allies, and therefore when the war was finished with you, it ought to be so with regard to them. And you proceed to say, Sir, that if they thought otherways in New England, you shall be obliged to assist those Indians; intimating that it is of importance to the safety and tranquillity of the frontiers of the Massachusetts Bay, that you should have a speedy and positive answer, and that you shall not be surprized, if the Indians should proceed to acts of violence.

To this, Sir, Mr. Mascarene having referred you to me upon it, I shall comply with your request in giving as speedy and positive an answer as may be.

The river of St. John's, upon which, that part of the Indians to which you chiefly refer, is seated, has been ever deemed to be situated within the heart of Nova Scotia, and consequently that Tribe of Indians together with the French inhabitants upon the same river, are within his majesty's territories; and accordingly Sir, the latter have acknowledged themselves ever since the treaty of Utrecht, to be the subjects of the crown of Great Britain, by taking the oaths of fidelity and allegiance to it; and have had the protection of his majesty's government in common