

The *British* Settlements on the Coast of *North America* extend from the Latitude of 50 to 30 Degrees, including *Nova Scotia*, *New York*, *Pennsylvania*, *Virginia*, *North* and *South Carolina*, and *Georgia*.

Now had the Arms of *France*, at the Commencement of the present War, been so successful as to have gained one Sea-Port on these Settlements, it is easy to conceive what a Situation the Rest of the *British* Colonies would have been in: The Navigation to *Canada*, either by the River *St. Lawrence*, or by the *Mississippi*, is not only tedious and uncertain, but dangerous; therefore, if the *French* had obtained one Port on the Sea Coast, we have Reason to suspect they would not have sent their Armies to the Continent of *Germany*, but to the Continent of *America*. Ten or fifteen thousand Men might have been transported with great Safety and Ease, from *France* to the Coast of *Carolina* or *Virginia*, in the Space of a few Weeks. Whatever System of Policy *France* may have adopted during the present Campaigns, it certainly took its Rise from the ill Success that attended her Arms on the Coast of *North America*. *France* had not in View, in the Year 1755, an *European* War; her whole Design was the Conquest, at least of Part of the *British* Settlements in *North America*: That Design has been happily baffled, by the Vigilance of the *British*