

T R E

Fronfac. It lies between a sort of gulph, called Little St. Peter, and the isles of St. Peter, opposite to those of Madame, or Maurepas.

TREBLE RIVER, so called from three rivers which center their streams about a quarter of a mile below the town, and fall into the great one of St. Laurence. It stands in Canada Proper, and was formerly the capital of the French government in New France, and much resorted to by several nations which come down those rivers to it, and trade in various sorts of furs. The town has pallisades round it, being commodiously situated in the center of the country, and consequently free from the irruptions of the Iroquois. It was the residence of the Governor, who kept a Major under him, with a monastery of Recollects, who are the curates of the place. It was likewise the common emporium or mart to which the natives used to bring their furs and other commodities to sell, before the English first seized it and the settlement at Montreal. The colony was again restored anno 1635, and the monks, who had settled a mission there, returned to it in 1673. But in the year 1760, and in the course of the present war with the French, under Wolfe, Murray, and Amherst, Quebec and Montreal have fallen, with the rest of Canada, into the possession of the Crown of Great Britain, in whose hands it still is. The town itself is said to be but thinly peopled, tho' the inhabitants are wealthy, and the houses very large, and richly furnished. The country round it is pleasant, and fertile in corn, fruits, &c. and has a good number of lordships and handsome seats belonging to it: on each side of the river