

same Time it lets us into the Disposition of the Savages, and is a remarkable Instance of the artful Compliance of the *French* to the Humour of these People ; and in that Light I hope the Reader will not think it foreign to my Purpose.

From *St. John's* River, for 40 Leagues down the Bay, the North Shore is rocky, mountainous, and full of Precipices, and the Tide which was rapid before, being now confined within a narrower Channel, in the Branch *Chignitou*, pours along with great Noise, and an impetuous Torrent, rendering the Navigation both disagreeable and dangerous. On this Account, tho' there are two navigable Rivers, besides several small ones on this Coast, yet the Inhabitants are very few, and the inland Part very little known by us.

The Bottom of the Bay opening itself a little wider than the rest, is called the Bason of *Chignitou*, or *Beau-bassin*, from some small Resemblance that it bears to the Bason or Vase of a Fountain. Upon the Verge of this Bason, on the North Side, stands *Chidapouchi*, upon the Bank of a navigable River of the same Name. The Place is reasonably large, consisting of about 60 or 70 Families, who subsist themselves chiefly by