

ness of the Soil makes ample Amends for the Want of it, and here are no Claims of any Significancy to prevent the Settlement of it.

In order to shew what Places within the Bay of *Fundy* are most proper to be fortified, I shall begin with this, as it is not only a very valuable Country, but is commodiously situated for the Fishery; from hence the direct Intercourse with *Canada* is maintained through the Country, and continued across the Bay to *Minas* and *Annapolis*, from which Places it is not more than *twenty* Leagues distant.

Within, and very near the beforementioned Streight, the Land seems conveniently elevated for erecting a Fortrefs that will command the Entrance, and in time of War, a Boom Chain would effectually secure the Passage; this Place might not only serve to protect Ships in the Road below, but would be a sufficient Defence to a new Settlement, and if properly garrisoned, might cut off the Correspondence between *Quebec* and the *Nova Scotians*.

The *Indians* of the *St. John's* Tribe might on this Occasion attempt to interrupt a Settlement, but as they are in a State of Hostility with us, and by the Treaty of *Utrecht* their Lands were given up by the *French* to this Crown, no Peace ought to be concluded with them but upon our own Terms, for they were actually the Aggressors, by joining the Enemy in the Siege of *Annapolis*, contrary to several Treaties they formerly entered into with the Province of the *Massachusetts* Bay.

From this Place to *Chignecto*, the Country has but two or three Harbours, and the Sea Coast being very mountainous, and but little known, I can only assert what the Natives say of it, that the inland Parts are fertile.

*Chignecto* forming the Peninsula, which the *French* call *Accadie*, is commonly mentioned as a necessary Place to be fortified, in order to cut off the Communication with *Canada* in time of War, the Isthmus not being here above two Leagues wide: The foregoing Reason would have more weight, if the *French* transported any Baggage or Train with them on these Occasions, but that is not practicable,