

THE
HISTORY
OF THE LATE
WAR.

CHAP. I.

Inquiry into the original cause of disagreement. Encroachments of the French upon Nova Scotia. A brief state of the dispute concerning the limits of Nova Scotia, &c. Transactions in America till the end of the year 1754.

IN giving the history of the late war, it will be necessary by way of introduction, to trace it to its source, and dip a little into the grounds upon which such vast quantities of blood and treasure has been expended.

The situation of the French settlements in North America is such, that they have not an easy and direct communication with Europe, the French having little or no interest in the American coast, this being occupied by the British provinces, from the most northern habitable clime to Spanish Florida on the south; and were Britain and Spain to assert their just properties, the French could have no interest at the mouth of the Mississippi, which is the only settlement they have on the coast. The possessions of the French on the continent of North America, are Canada to the north, and Louisiana on the south. As they could have no access to Canada but by a long and dangerous passage up the
A river