

The other Affair was more important in itself, and more dangerous in its Consequences. Some Months ago the *English* intercepted all the *French* Vessels which were carrying Provisions from *Quebec*, either for the Support of the Troops posted on the Frontiers of *Canada*, or for customary Presents, which the *French* every Year make the *Indians* in their Alliance. They seized opposite to the Island St. John, a Vessel from *Quebec*, called the *London*, which having carried Ammunition to *Chedais* †, was returning empty. Some Time after they attacked, and took in the Mouth of the *French* Bay, a Sloop of War, called the *Saint Francois*, commanded by a King's Officer, and having under its Convoy a Schooner laden with Provisions and Ammunition for the Detachments on the River St. John. These Captures, and the Plundering of some other Vessels, were the Subject of Complaints addressed to the Court of *London*. And as no Satisfaction was made to *France*, the *Marquis de la Jonquiere* thought he had a right to make reprisals, and accordingly ordered three or four *English* Vessels to be seized and confiscated.

These Hostilities on the Sea, in which you will please to observe, the *English* were always the Aggressors, were accompanied with several Enterprises against those Countries, in which according to Agreement, no Innovations were to have been made. In the Month of *April*, 1750, General *Cornwallis* sent Major *Lawrence* on an Expedition against the *French* Forts on the Continent, which were commanded by the Chevalier de *Lacorne*. The Design of that Armament was inserted in the *Boston* Gazette in *New-England*, and was looked on as an Hostility on the Part of the Governor. The same Year, in the Month of *August*, there were Letters printed in *London* to this Effect: General *Cornwallis* hath not confined himself to his Orders; but having built a Fort at *Minas*, hath endeavoured to penetrate into the Continent, and to secure Success to his Designs, hath ordered a considerable Fortification to be raised at a Place called *Chignitou*, or *Biau-bassin*, situated on the Isthmus, and at the Head of

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