

la Chapelle was only to proceed with as little interruption as possible in erecting forts and securing passes which might form lines of communication between their most distant settlements, and to confine the English on every side: in particular, they aimed to restrict all the claims of the latter in Nova Scotia to the Peninsula of that name; while these justly insisted upon their right to all the ancient Acadia, as ceded by the treaty of Utrecht.

In the mean time, the town of Hallifax had been erected by the English, as we have already taken notice in a former part of our history, under the auspices of the earl of that name.

Notwithstanding all the faith of treaties, notwithstanding the repeated remonstrances of the English, their enemies no sooner saw this settlement well peopled, than they went on with their old practices of stirring up the Indians against the new colonists, many of whom were murdered, and others carried prisoners to the Canadian settlements; while even the Indian parties were headed by French officers; and notwithstanding repeated complaints, no redress for these grievances could be obtained; though while the French were employed in this manner in America, they pretended to debate upon the claims of each nation at Paris; where the English and French commissaries met for this purpose. The history of their disputes is too long to be here inserted; but it may suffice to say, that they were not well conducted on either part; and as to the French, their claims were equally unfair and ridiculous