

1753. *French* had greatly increased their Settlements upon each Side of the River *Chaudiere*, which falls into that of *St. Lawrence*, a few Miles above the City of *Quebec*; and that they were proceeding to make Settlements at about 30 Miles Distance, upon a noted * Carrying-place, that separates the Head of the *Chaudiere* from the *Kennebeck*; which last River affords the *French* a shorter Passage from *Quebec* for making Descents upon the Provinces of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and *New Hampshire*, and destroying the King's Woods there (from whence the *Royal Navy* is in a great measure supplied with white Pines for Masts, Yards, and Bowsprits) than any other Route whatever; and from which the *Indians*, during the War between them and *New England* in 1723 and 1724, had made all their Incursions and Ravages upon the Eastern Parts of the *Massachusetts Bay*; that the *Norridgewalk Indians* inhabiting within his Majesty's Territories had given the new *French* Settlers Liberty to hunt any where in that Country, as a Recompence for the Service, they were to be of to them in Time of War with the *English*, by supplying them with Provisions and military Stores; and that the *Arresgunnticook*, *Norridgewalk*, and *Penobscot Indians* were upon the Point of breaking out into Hostilities against Mar. 28. the *English*; wherefore in consequence of his Majesty's Orders *he* laid these several Matters

* Called by the *Indians* *Wawandwanock*.

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