

Statistical Account of Nova- Scotia.

CHAPTER I.

*Boundaries, Extent, Situation, General Appearance,
Civil Divisions.*

THE Boundaries of the Province of Nova-Scotia, previous to the conquest of Canada, were always a subject of dispute between Great Britain and France. They had never been settled by any treaty, and the Commissioners appointed to adjust them came to no conclusion upon a subject, which, by mutual consent, seemed to have been left to the decision of arms.— At the peace of 1763, the limits of the Colony were a matter of discretion rather than strict legal right, and were therefore fixed by the Crown, as follows : “ to the Northward, our said Province shall be bounded by the Southern Boundary of our Province of Quebec, as far as the western extremity of the Bay Des Chaleurs. To the eastward by the said Bay, and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to the Cape or Promontary called Cape Breton, in the Island of that name, including that Island, the Island of St.