

Basin of *Schiegnecto* and Bay *Verte* secured with a Line of Block-Houses placed at convenient Distances; and that the Inhabitants of the District should be removed either to some Parts of the Province more under the Inspection and Check of his Majesty's Governor at *Annapolis Royal*; or into some other of his Majesty's Colonies, where they should have equivalent Lands given them; and that Protestant Settlers, whose Fidelity and Attachment to his Majesty's Government might be depended on, should be transplanted to *Schiegnecto* in their Room; which was not disapprov'd of.

It will be difficult to strike the Line between the Ratification of the Treaty of *Aix la Chapelle*, in which it was stipulated, that the controverted Limits of this Province should be determined by Commissaries appointed on the Part of *Great Britain* and *France*, and the *French's* seizing several Parts of the Country which were in dispute.

No sooner was the Treaty concluded, than they sent a Party into St. *John's* River to take Possession of it; and their Incroachments grew so fast in every Part of the Peninsula, that after the narrow Escapes and signal Deliverances, it had during the War, if Providence had not again interposed in its Favour, by raising up a * *British* Minister for the immediate Settlement and Protection of it; to whose peculiar Talents, Vigilance and Spirit for effecting the great Service, the Nation owes its present

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