

bitants, and make those Colonies incapable of supporting a large Number of Troops ; in which Circumstance consists very much the Security of the *British* Colonies against the Incroachments of *France* ; if *France* was augmented with the Province of *Nova Scotia*, which is fertile of every Species of Provisions, she would then be able to maintain in *North America* a numerous standing Army.

The *New England* Colonies, in every Period of this Province's Subjection to the *French*, continually felt most pernicious Effects from it, in Depredations upon their Trade, and Incursions into their Territories ; so that in 1654 *Oliver Cromwell*, for their Protection, was obliged to seize on all its Forts, and dispossess the *French* of the whole Country : After the Restitution of it to them by the Treaty of *Breda*, *New England* again experienced the same mischievous Consequences from their Possession of it, which always threatened Destruction to her Colonies : And not to mention the intermediate Expeditions form'd against it from those Governments, and the alternate Change of Possession, it has undergone ; when *France* was sunk to its lowest Ebb of Power in *Europe*, by a long Series of adverse Campaigns, during Queen *Anne's* Reign, yet even then the *New England* Governments were so distressed by this Province's remaining in the Hands of the *French* (though the Number of its Inhabitants did not exceed 4000), that they twice addressed the Crown in the strongest Terms to fit