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THE French, as is related above, bave many ways endeavour'd to ruin or diffrefs the Irocois; but as they are well affur'd, Nothing will affect them so much and nearly, as to deprive them of their Fishing and Hunting, which is mostly on the Borders of and between the Great Lakes, and without which they must Starve; therefore they have attempted to build Forts on the feveral narrow Passages thereof and the Rivers which empty them elves thereinto, in order to intercept them, either in their going or returning from those Places; but the Indians have as often prevented the finishing of them, or otherwife oblig'd them to demolish or defert them. To Blein and The 181 -

establish their projected Communication, between Cape Breton, the Gulf and River of St. Lawrence, as far as the