

The PREFACE.

his Government, under pretence of making Profelytes, to depart from thence, because he found their Design was to betray our Colonies to the French, instead of making Converts of the Inhabitants.

THE French, as is related above, have many ways endeavour'd to ruin or distress the Irocois; but as they are well assur'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 several narrow Passages thereof, and the Rivers which empty themselves 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 otherwise oblig'd them to demolish or desert them.

BUT should the French be permitted to establish their projected Communication, between Cape Breton, the Gulf and River of St. Lawrence, as far as the