

render it commodious and impregnable. The City is built upon a Point of Land, which forms the Entrance of the Port. M. de Costebelle, who had lost his Government of *Placentia*, by the Delivery of it to the *English*, was entrusted with that of the new Colony; and M. de St. Ovide, his Lieutenant, was his Successor.

It was at first intended to transport into *Isle Royal*, all the *French* that were settled in *Acadia*. Even all the Savages, whom we comprehend under the Name of *Abenakis*; were invited thither, and some of them had in fact begun to form a little Town: But the *French*, who had before wish'd for a Removal, having nothing assigned them in lieu of what they possess'd in *Acadia*, and being better used by the *English* Governor, who knew the Value of a People already settled, concluded at last, after long Deliberation, to remain in their Colonies.

They were very near changing Opinion, however, in 1720. Mr. Philip Richards being appointed Governor of *New England* and *Acadia*, was surpriz'd at his Arrival to see the *French* remain in the latter Province as Subjects of the most Christian King, (a) and that the *English* were content to leave them in quiet, while they attempted no-

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(a) We have never heard but that these People, tho' Catholics in Religion, have demeaned themselves as good Subjects of *Great Britain*. They would, no doubt, be g'ad to see their own Nation again Masters in this Country; but we have had two Instances, within two Years past, that they are not inclin'd to contribute any Assistance towards making them so; for in the Sieges of *Annapolis Royal*, when the *Canadian French* were assisted by the *Indian Nations*, we dont find that the *French* of *Nova Scotia* attempted to rise in their Favour; which had they done, perhaps the Enemies had been Masters of *Acadia* before we had made any Attempt on *Cape Breton*.