

a spacious province, which was originally our own; and which, not many years since they had given up, and confirmed, to us, by the most solemn treaties. With this view they have entered and settled in the very heart of it, in defiance of all our remonstrances; seizing above two parts in three of the whole. To justify this invasion of our territories, they pretend that we are entitled to no more than the small share they have left us, which is at most the peninsula or southern division of *Nova Scotia*; and supporting their injustice by force, have actually built forts at the entrance of that peninsula, where we remain, as it were, penned up by them, till such time as, by a due exertion of our power, they shall be obliged to withdraw beyond the river of *St. Lawrence*.

They have stuck at nothing to give a colour to this open infraction of the *Utrecht* treaty, and violation of the faith of nations. Their geographers and historians have been influenced to prostitute their pens in the most shameful manner, to serve the injurious cause; and their principals, who set them to work, have not been ashamed afterwards to make use of such corrupt evidence, consisting of the lowest chicanery and most barefaced falsifications, as the chief, and in effect the only arguments on which they ground their pretensions. In short, their reasons are so consummately fallacious, inconsistent and trifling, that their defence of the injury ought to be taken for sneer, and is no less provoking than the injury it self.

The *English*, by right of discovery of the *Cabots*, in 1497, claim all *North America*, from