

Fundy in common, were the most certain means of interrupting the happy harmony so much wished for on both sides. Hitherto 'it has been sufficiently demonstrated by experience,' even by the confession of France, according to the memorial of M. de Torci, of the 10th of June 1712, 'that it is impossible to preserve such an union in the places that are held in common by the French and English.' Which may be said with equal truth of a Bay which is so narrow as that in question: France has been hitherto contented with the Isle Royal, in order to secure herself the entrance of the river St. Lawrence; and it was owing to the same reasons that the English who were to be the possessors of Acadia and Newfoundland, by the treaty of Utrecht, renounced their pretensions to the farther possession of the Island of Cape Breton in common with the French.

## II.

### *Of the Limits of Canada.*

**I**T will be difficult to form to one's self a precise Idea, of what, in the memorial is called the centre of Canada; we can still less admit, for a basis of the negotiation, that the river St. Lawrence be the centre of this province: