

As many of the inhabitants had taken arms, making their united force consist (as they say) of near 1500 armed men, the major sent a flag of truce (they having hoisted a *French* flag) to know the reason of their acting in this hostile manner, and afterwards had an interview with M. *le Corne*; upon which our forces reembarked, and are safely returned to *Minas*.

What passed at this interview is not made publick, but it is probable the enemy were too well secured, and had too great a superiority, to make an attempt practicable.

This line, which the *French* would now extend their claim to, will range easterly from *Crown point* nearly in the latitude of 44 deg. 30 minutes; which will not only cut off some millions of acres, the indisputable property of the *New-England* colonies; but falling into a place called *Penobscut Bay*, gives the *French* near three quarters of *Accadia*, or *Nova Scotia*, according to its ever known and acknowledged boundaries, and above 100 leagues of fine sea coast, covered with innumerable islands, fine harbours and fishing banks, that will in time of war put it in their power to cut off the whole trade of the northern colonies, ruin the settlement we are making, and begger the whole continent; besides furnishing them with a fertile country covered with an inexhaustible stock of trees and timber, for building and masting their navy; and appears to me of much more consequence to the nation, than the scorched neutral islands of *Tobago*, *St Lucia*, &c.