

Scotia beyond the bay of Fundi, (a) from the river Chignecto to that of St. John, making the first limits of that province.

They have reduced Beaubassin to ashes, and carried to the other side the river the inhabitants with their effects; (b) compelled them to take up arms, and formed them into companies; so that the sieur Lacorne, a French officer has at that place under his command, a body of two thousand, five hundred men, made up of regular troops, Canadians and Indians.

The sieur de Lacorne and father Loutre, a French missionary, have made use of repeated and innumerable promises and menaces, in order to persuade all the inhabitants of the province to leave the country (c).

The inhabitants declare openly their abhorrence of these proceedings; but the sieurs de Lacorne and Loutre, threaten them with a general massacre from the In-

(a) They have not taken possession of it: whereas by the confession of the English, they were possessed of it, at the time of the treaty of Utrecht. But M. de la Jonquiere has sent a detachment to prevent the English themselves, from executing the project they had formed, in order to seize it.

(b) By Beaubassin is here understood, a French habitation, settled at Chignecto, which the French were under a necessity of relinquishing. To burn one's self in the confusion, and fright occasioned by an invasion cannot be reckoned a hostile act.

(c) How can this desertion, of a country possessed by the French, be reconciled with the invasion laid to their charge.

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