THE

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OF THE

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OT to go farther back than the Year 1632, in order to examine more antient Pretensions, it appears from the History of New France, by Father Charlevoix (from which I shall extract great Part of the following Piece) that in that Year King Charles I. of England having consented to deliver up Quebec, Acadia, and the Island of Cape Breton into the Hands of the French, who were preparing to take the former by Force, the first French Settlement in that Island was then begun.

'Our Establishment there, says the Father, was indeed at that Time but a very Trisle. However this Port, the Fort of Quebec surrounded with a few wretched Houses and Barracks, two or three Cottages in the Island of Montreal, as ma-