

Barrier to the *British* Colonies in *North America*; and by the Command, it gives them of the Navigation of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence* and Bay of *Funda*, puts it into their Power to cut off the Communication between *France* and *Canada*, through the River of *St. Lawrence*, which empties itself into the former, and *St. John's*, that falls into the latter; which leaves the *French* no Entrance into it, except by the *Mississippi*; the Passage through which, the River *Ohio* and the great Lakes and Rivers beyond it, to *Montreal*, is a most difficult Navigation of 2000 Miles, for the greatest Part against the Stream, and incumber'd with Falls, so that it is impracticable for *France* to give her Colonies in *Canada* an effectual Support through this *Route*; and consequently in such Case she must hold them at the Will of *Great Britain*.

On the other hand, whilst *Nova Scotia* is in the Possession of the *French*, it puts it into their Power, by the Command it gives them of the Navigation to and from the *British* Northern Colonies, particularly those of *New England*, to harass and distress them exceedingly; and by its near Situation to the Eastern Parts of the *Massachusetts* Bay, and the Province of *New Hampshire*, to deprive *Great Britain* of the Naval Stores, which are now drawn from the King's Woods there for masting the Royal Navy: And whereas the cold Climate and unfruitful Soil of *Canada* and *Cape Breton* yield only a bare Sustenance for their present Inhabitants,