

“ vince, to make them retire—That they are threatened with
 “ a general massacre if they remain.”

“ All these reasons determined me to try with the force I
 “ have to secure *Chinecto*--- Little did I think that any *French*
 “ officer would presume to go the lengths that you will find
 “ *La Corne* has done; he set fire to *Beaubassin* the minute
 “ the vessels were in sight---He carried all the inhabitants
 “ with their effects beyond the river; there he planted *French*
 “ colours, and lined the dykes with his troops, *Canadians*, the
 “ rebel inhabitants, and the savages: the whole amounted to
 “ 2500 men---He plainly declared to major *Laurence* that
 “ he would defend that side of the river as the king of *Frances*
 “ to the last extremity---They openly claim the north side of
 “ the bay of *Fundy* from *Chinecto* to *Kennebec* river.”

“ The *French* inhabitants harrassed and molested by the
 “ *French* and savages, and despairing of our being able to
 “ protect them (and indeed without a force at *Chinecto* 'tis
 “ impossible) have all of them resolved to quit the province,
 “ and throw themselves into the arms of the *French*---All
 “ these inhabitants the *French* propose to settle on the north
 “ side of the bay of *Fundy*.”

“ This, Sir, is a plain account of the faithless violent pro-
 “ ceedings of the *French*, and their ambitious views.”

“ If we allow their schemes to be carried into execution
 “ the consequence will be certain ruin not to this province
 “ only, but to all the northern colonies.”---The *French* after
 this continued their hostilities, and erected fort after fort, to
 secure the main part of the province already seized, and lay
 the rest, left to the *English* for the present, under so many
 different fires as cooperating with that of *Louisbourg* would
 greatly assist them to reduce this remnant also, whenever they
 should think fit to make the attempt.

In the mean time commissaries being appointed by the two
 crowns to settle the limits of their respective dominions in
North America, and their negotiations taking place, on the 21st
 day