

The French Court seem always to have made *North-America* an Object of great Attention ; and long ago to have formed a Plan, which they have been steadily, tho' slowly, carrying into Execution.

Since the Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle* they have been more hasty ; well knowing of what Advantage it would be to their ambitious Views of universal Monarchy to accomplish it. Their Encroachments have been more numerous, their Hostilities more violent.

In the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, they have erected a Fort near *Bay-Vert* ; from whence they have a Communication by Water with *Louisbourg*, and *Canada*, and other French Settlements. They have erected another strong one upon the Isthmus of the *Peninsula*, mounted with 26 Cannon, which commands the Basin and Harbour of *Chignecto* or *Bobauffin* ; and within very near Cannon-Shot of an inferior one built by the English on the other Side of the Basin. They have seized *St. John's River*, and erected two Forts there ; from one of which they had lately the Insolence to fire upon one of the King's Ships. They have engrossed the whole Furr-Trade of that River to themselves ; which, before the late Peace, was wholly carried on by the English.