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## P R E F A C E.

FOR the better understanding of the letter immediately following, it may not be unnecessary to give the reader some previous idea of the people who are the subject of it, as well of the letter-writer.

The best account of the *Mickmakis* I could find, and certainly the most authentic, is in a memorial furnished by the French ministry in April, 1751, from which the following paragraph is a translated extract :

“ The government of the savages dependent on Cape-Breton exacts a particular attention.