

there the Banks almost closing, leave only a very narrow Gut, not above a Pistol-Shot over, which there is no passing except at full Tide; at all other Times there is a great Fall, which at Low Water makes a Descent of more than 20 Feet. In sailing up this Streight, you must take great Care to keep to the Right, without coming however too near the Shore, which is lined on each Side with Rocks. The Mouth of the River is formed by an Island, near which stands a Fort with two or three Habitations about it, which commands the Harbour; but this is so small as not to afford Room for three Ships to lie at their Ease. About 30 Miles up is a Village called *Jemset*, which was formerly inhabited by the *French*; as was also another Village about the same Distance from this higher up, where they had likewise a good Fort called *Nexoat*, the Governor being obliged to reside here during King *William's* War, but returning after the Peace of *Ryswic*, to *Port Royal*, both these Villages were left by them to the *Indians*. The Mountains rise at a great Distance, leaving a Champaign Country for many Miles on each Side of the River, which is very apt to overflow its Banks.

About the Distance of a small Cannon Shot from the aforementioned Gut, up the River, the Bank opens into a Creek near 400

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