
P R E F A C E.

*T*O such a Work as this there can be little Need of a Preface, especially as I have in the Title given the Heads of what it contains, which I shall now enlarge upon but very little.

Father Charlevoix's *Histoire & Description Generale de la Nouvelle France*, from which I have taken every Thing that regards my Subject, enters so minutely into the Advantages that may be made of this Island, that the French Ministry are said, at this Time, to endeavour all in their Power to prevent the Copies of it from coming among us. As for Savary, his Work is in high Repute; but this Article had not the good Fortune to receive any Improvement from his Continuators, as most others have done in his *Dictionnaire Universale de Commerce*. The other Authors I have made use of are chiefly English, and most of them such as have written since, or about the Time that, Cape Breton fell into our Hands last Summer.

A very brief Abstract of the Journal of this Siege, with the References to the Map and Plan, is all I shall farther give the Reader in this Place,

1745.