

334 A SUMMARY, HISTORICAL and POLITICAL, &c.
under his direction (a scandal to the indolent govern-
ment and garrisons of Nova Scotia) in their several di-
stricts and villages, act as magistrates and justices of the
peace; but all complaints may be brought before the
commander in chief and council at Annapolis.

The New-England bills of publick credit, ever since
the cession by the treaty of Utrecht, have been their
common currency; until the late intolerable deprecia-
tion by immensely multiplying this credit beyond its
bearings, by expeditions, and in fact the credit of those
bills is almost sunk *, or rather lost; the French inhabi-
tants absolutely refuse them in currency.

Island of Sables.

This island must be deemed in the jurisdiction of the
province of Nova Scotia, as it lies upon the latitudes of
that coast, though at a considerable distance; and the
British exclusive line of fishery by the treaty of Utrecht
1713 beginning at this island, implies the same to be-
long to Great Britain; the name is French, and we re-
tain it with much impropriety; we ought to have trans-
lated it to Sandy island, in the same manner as we have
turned Point de Sable (a former French district in St.
Christopher's) to the present British name Sandy point.
The property is loudly (that is in the publick news-pa-
pers) claimed by some private persons; I shall not in-
quire into the merit of the affair.

I am informed by people who were shipwreck'd there,
and lived some months upon the island, that, from Canfo

* In a message Nov. 5. 1747, from the house of representatives of
the province of Massachusetts-Bay, relating to the pay of Canada
forces, to their governor, it is represented, "Should such a further
sum be emitted, as is necessary for the purpose mentioned in your Ex-
cellency's message, we apprehend it must be followed by a great im-
pair, if not utter loss of the publick credit, which has already been
greatly wounded." Thus the odium of this iniquitous or base mo-
ney currency is thrown upon Mr. S——ley, by the proper money
branch of the legislature.

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