

334 A SUMMARY, HISTORICAL and POLITICAL, &c.  
under his direction (a scandal to the indolent government and garrisons of Nova Scotia) in their several districts 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 depreciation 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 inhabitants 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 belong to Great Britain; the name is French, and we retain it with much impropriety; we ought to have translated 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 newspapers) claimed by some private persons; I shall not inquire 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 Excellency's message, we apprehend it must be followed by a great impair, if not utter loss of the publick credit, which has already been greatly wounded." Thus the odium of this iniquitous or base money currency is thrown upon Mr. S——ley, by the proper money branch of the legislature.

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low land, with  
downs, in form  
about 20 miles  
sholes of sand,  
it is inaccessible  
land. Formerly  
ashore to breed  
by multiplying  
end; until some  
continent, destitute  
of seafaring people  
a voyage) of the  
43 d. 50 m. n.  
juniper bushes  
& bent-grass;  
seals; great flocks

At this island  
from the Cape  
by the treaty of  
five line of fishery  
cluding the fish

Cape Breton  
until confirmed  
annexed to the  
standing its re  
cannot avoid ta

\* *Vitis idæa angustifolia*  
or bill-berries.

† *Oxycoccus* *five*  
whortle berries; they  
all over the north  
quintely agreeable

‡ *Gr. menispicatum*  
*T. Sportium*, *Spicatum*  
sea matweed.