

2. Whatever desire France may have to possess the Isthmus and Beaubassin, as the only communication during a considerable part of the year between Quebec and Isle-Royal, Great Britain cannot consent thereto, without giving up the most essential security for the remainder of the Penninsula, of which the whole might as well be given up, as to leave the Key thereof to another.

3. The same difficulty occurs with regard to the proposal of leaving in the Penninsula, a certain extent of ground which shall not be inhabited, along the coast which commands the gulph of St. Lawrence: To Great Britain it appears, that very thick woods and defiles to be crossed, would tend more to favour the designs which one power may have for another, than to obstruct them.

4. It is in consequence of such reflections, that Great Britain for her own security, is still under a necessity of insisting that she shall have a certain skirt of land as may be agreed on, along the northern coast of the bay of Fundy to the gulph of St. Lawrence, without which, the possession of the Penninsula and of the bay of Fundy, would be entirely precarious.

So that, on whatever side we view the conditions and reservations of France, Great-Britain can consider them only as so many seeds of new dissensions. To leave the bay of