

To render the whole more plain and intelligible, it seems proper, previously to mention his Majesty's undoubted Right to those Territories that the *French* have been and are now invading, and fortifying themselves upon; and to give a succinct Account of the Encroachments they have made since the Treaty of *Utrecht*, and the later one of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, with some other occasional Remarks. *Sebastian Cabot*, who sailed from *England*, with a Commission from *Henry VII.* first discovered the northern Continent of *America*, in 1497; and took Possession of it for that Monarch.

It is needless to take Notice of what particular Parts of this Continent the *French* have since at different Times possessed themselves, which have been afterwards confirmed to them by Treaty; or to ascertain the exact Boundaries of all his *Britannic Majesty's* Territories in *North-America*.

It will be sufficient for the present Purpose, to observe, that the Province of *Nova Scotia* or *Acadia*, was first granted by King *James I.* under certain determinate Bounds.

That the *French* were afterwards in Possession of it; that during the Time of their Possession, they understood the Limits to extend every Way as far at least as those described in King *James's* Grant.

That at the Negotiation for the Treaty of *Utrecht* it was expressly insisted upon by the *French* King, that *Acadia* extended westward of *St. John's River*. That