

The *French* taking Advantage of this Neglect, continued to trade as before, and spread themselves by degrees into several Parts of the Country, where they met with no Interruption till the Year 1727. But the good Understanding between the two Crowns being interrupted by the Siege of *Rochelle*, one *Kirk*, a *French* Refugee, in order to ingratiate himself with the Court of *England*, acquainted the then Ministry with the weak Condition of his Countrymen at *Quebec*. In Return for this Information, he had the Command of a Squadron of five Men of War given him, and was sent to drive the *French* out of every Part of *Canada*, and *Nova Scotia* being comprehended in this Commission, he took this in his Way, and destroyed all the *French* Settlements there, except only one at *Cape Sable*, where was established a Gentleman called *La Tour*, who had built a good Fort which he commanded himself.

The Father of this Gentleman having left his own Country under Pretence of Religion at the Time of the Siege of *Rochelle*, resided at *London*, and being a Man of good Address, he found Means to insinuate himself into the Affection of one of the Maids of Honour to the Queen, and married her. After the Marriage his Lady made use of the Interest she had with the Queen her Mistress to obtain the Honour