

which command Louisburg more accessible, is certainly money very ill applied. True it is that the abovementioned gentleman intended to erect a few redoubts, in order to oppose a descent, in case of a war with England: but he should not have ventured to execute the one, without making himself sure of the other.

This post notwithstanding would be of the utmost importance, were it only fortified. It serves as a staple or magazine for the island of St. John, which is no more than forty leagues distant: there the inhabitants of *Isle Madame, Little Degrat, L'Ardoise, St. Esprit*, and of *the river of inhabitants*, may easily assemble. Besides, it is conveniently situated for giving intelligence of the motions of the English, either on the side of Canso, which is only eighteen leagues from Louisburg; or towards the passage of Fronfac.

I set out upon my journey the fifth of February 1752, in company with the persons whom the commandant had directed to make an exact survey of the coast. The road we