

intended Attempt till the Season of the Year was so far advanced, that one or more of the Colonies concerned in it judged it too late to proceed, and refused to join with the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*; and a Disunion of Councils in this Point finally prevented its being carried into Execution.

Mr. *De Ramsay* still remained in *Nova Scotia*, with about 500 *Canadians* and *Indians*, Part in *Chicagneeto* and Part at *Minas*; the Inhabitants of the former of these Districts were openly devoted to the *French* Interest, those of *Minas* and *Annapolis River* at that time wavering; his Scheme was to winter in the Province, and gain over the whole Body of *Acadians* to take up Arms, and join with him in an Attempt upon the Fort at *Annapolis Royal* early in the Spring: To compass this he summon'd the Deputies of all the Districts to attend him; told them he had Intelligence that the Governor of the *Massachusetts Bay* was sending a large Body of Troops from *New England* to force them off their Possessions, and exhorted them to join him, and stand upon their Defence; and he had proceeded so far with them as to induce them to promise to make Report of what he had propos'd to them, to their respective Principals, and let him know their Resolutions by a limited time.

There appeared Danger in this Scheme; had Mr. *De Ramsay* been suffer'd to go on unmolested in his Practices upon the Inhabitants during the whole Winter, what Effects he might