

could not take Cognizance of what was done upon the Continent of America, the French sent a large Fleet there, with a great Number of Troops, the First Year of the Reign of Queen ANN, and openly attacked and took Newfoundland, Nova-Scotia, and Hudson's-Bay, and also made themselves Masters of the Island of St. Christopher's, the French Ministers positively denying then, as they do now, that they knew any Thing of these Transactions, and, in order to gain Time to accomplish their Master's Designs, used all their Endeavours to pacify the Queen and her Ministers, by assuring them that, if any such Hostilities had been committed, it must be owing to the restless Disposition of the Indians, but, if it should come to their Knowledge that any of their Troops were concerned, the Places taken should be restored, the Officers, who had exceeded their Orders, punished, and full Reparation made.

But the Queen's Ministers, finding the said Hostilities continued, resolved to take such Measures as not only put a Stop to the Progress of the French in those Parts, but had drove them out of all that Continent, if Sir HAVINDER WALKER's Expedition had not unfortunately miscarried in the Year 1711. However, the French were obliged, by the Treaty of Utrecht, to restore all they had taken from us, and to confirm our Right to all the Lands on the South-Side of the River St. Laurence, as will more fully appear by the Articles of the said Treaty. But, thro' an Infatuation or Neglect in us, the French have been suffered to hold all the Lands they had possessed themselves of as afore-said on the South-Side of the River St. Laurence, save only Nova-Scotia; and altho' the late Treaty of Aix-le-Chappelle further confirmed the said Treaty of Utrecht, yet the French now spirit up their Indians underhand to harass and disturb us even in the Possession of that Colony, and keep a constant Body of Regular Troops upon the Peninsula of the said Colony, and have thrown up Fortifications there to protect the said Indians.

Their being left in Possession of those Lands on the South Side of the River St. Laurence has given LEWIS the XVth. a proper Handle to resume the Designs formed by