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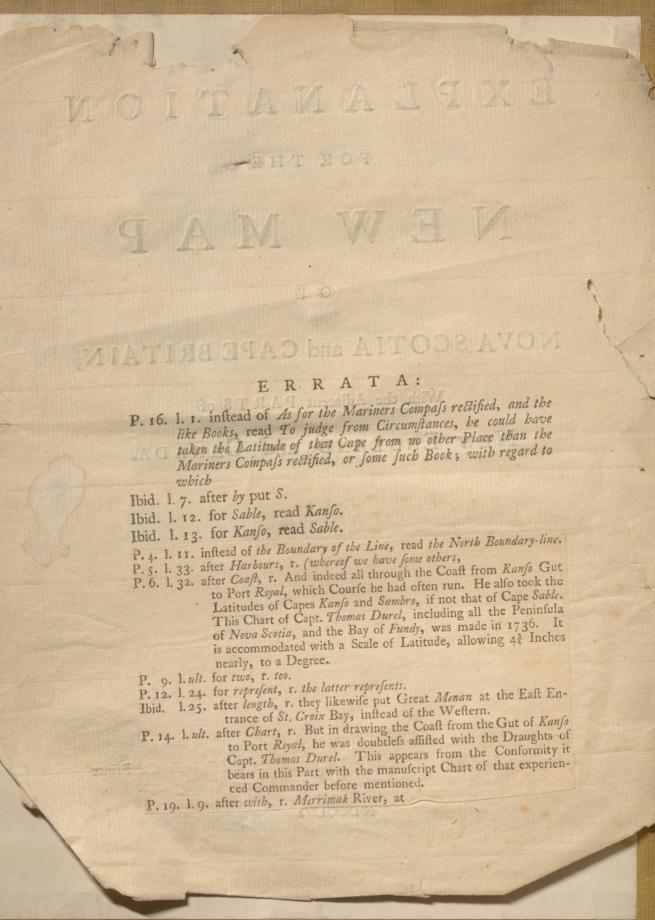
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MAP of NOVA SCOTIA.



Composing the present Map, besides making Use of those already published by Mess. Popple, Bellin, Danville, and others, with the Surveys of Surveyor-General Blackmore, Capt. Southack, Capt. Barnesley, and Mr. Chabert; I had Recourse to a considerable Number of manuscript Charts, Surveys, Draughts, and Plans, of the Coasts, Bays, Rivers, and Ports, within the Limits of my Design: most of which were either communicated to myself, or procured

by my Friends; who, out of a laudable Zeal for the Benefit of Navigation and Commerce, took more than ordinary Pains to furnish me with Materials. Nor were those whom they applied to less ready to lend their Assistance; some, as Brigadier Waldo, having been so extraordinary beneficent, as even to send to America for Surveys of certain particular Parts which I was at a Eoss for.

Among the Number who were applied to on this Occasion, none refused to communicate the Materials which they were in possession, none refused to themen; for which he made this Apology, that he had before lent them to another Person who was also about a Map, which he had Thoughts of publishing. But this was so far from being a good Reason why the Draught in question should not have been communicated to me, that it was the best which could be given why it should: for the End of such Communications ought to be to advance useful Knowledge; and more Improvement is to be expected from the Endeavours of many People, than of only one. If the same Materials be put into the Hands of twenty different Persons to work upon, each of them will contribute more or

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less, according to his Abilities, to improve the Art or Science. Some will strike Light out of bare Hints; while others will make but bad Work, though furnished with the best Helps. If this Consideration had occurred to that Gentleman, who is a Man of a benevolent Disposition, and ready to promote any useful Undertaking, I make no Doubt but he would have lent his Draught without Hesitation. However, as it happened, a Copy was procured me from another

The Coast of New England, from Cape St. Anne to Cape Elizabeth, or rather Royals River in Kasko Bay, is laid down chiefly from two Surveys; the first a manuscript Map of Capt. Richard Hazzen, made in 1750; of which I perused two Copies. It confifts of Surveys; 1. The Boundary of the Line of the Massachusets Bay Province in New England, from the Sea three Miles North of Merrimak River, to Albany in New York, as run by him in 1740. 2. The Country between Albany and Montreal, exhibited from a French Plan of the fame, compared with the Reports of feveral English Prisoners taken in the last War. 3. The Province of New Hampshire in New England, surveyed by himself, and others. 4. All the Sea-coast from the Mouth of Merrimak River to that of St. Croix in Nova Scotia, surveyed by Order of the Board of Trade in 1750, fignified to the Massachusets Government. The Map is 8 Feet by 4 Feet 4 Inches, laid down by a Scale of 4 Miles to an Inch. It feems for the general to be tolerably well executed, and is interspersed with useful Remarks: But it does not appear that he observed any Latitudes; nor has he accommodated it with either Meridians or Parallels. The whole is laid down by a Scale of 4 Miles to one Inch.

Mr. Hazzen is the first who, with any Accuracy, exhibited the East-side of Penobskot Bay, and Mount Desart Island; which seems to have been the Term of his Voyage, as, he fays, he from thence made an Observation of the Mouth of St. Croix River. Allowance feems to be made throughout for the Variation, as

the Massachusets Line is regulated by it.

The second, Capr. Henry Barnesty's Survey of the New England Coast, from Cape Cod to Cape Elizabeth, published in 1751. It is 75 Inches long; but differs much from Hazzen's Map, which I chose to follow for the general. It appears from the Graduation that he observed no Latitudes, that of Boston being put in 42 Degrees 37 Minutes; which are 12 Minutes more North than was found by Observation.

From Royals River to Penobskot Bay, and along the West-side to the Mouth of the River, is taken from particular Surveys made of all that Coast, by Order of the Gentlemen who are Proprietors of a considerable Part thereof: the Part to Broad Bay, within Muskongus Bay, by Capt. John North, in 1750; the Remainder by others, and both compared with Capt. Hazzen's Map. They are with-

out Observations of the Latitude.

The Part from Penobskot River to the East-end of Mount Desart Island, is copied from Capt. Hazzen's Survey, the only one within that Space to be depended on; that of Capt. Southack being very erroneous, though faid to have been best acquainted with Penobskot Bay. His Survey, made before 1720, extends from Staten Island in New York River, along the Coast, to Shegnikto Bason, and thence round the Peninsula of Nova Scotia, to Green Bay in the Gulph of Nova Scotia, called by the French the Bay of St. Laurence. It was published in 1731, and is 33 Inches long, the Original 30 or 40 Feet. Though, for the general, a very coarse and erroneous Draught, yet not without its Use; and would have been more useful had he mentioned the Parts which he viewed with most Care, such as that of Cape Sable seems to be. It does not appear, however, that in making this Chart he employed any Instruments, excepting the Log and Compass. On which Occasion I must observe, this is the first Time perhaps that ever a Person bred to the Sea undertook to make a Chart of so great an Extent of Coast, without ever taking a single Latitude; and for the Honour of Navigators, as well as Sasety of Navigation, I hope it may be the last.

From Mount Defart to Cape Race or Rage, or rather Holman's Harbour, in the Bay of Argal or Fundy, is laid down from the Survey of that Bay made by Surveyor-General Blackmore in 1711 and 1712, by Order of Queen Anne; in which Space it differs from Soutback's. It extends from that Isle eastward along the northern Coast to Shegnekto, but no further North than the said Cape and Mill Isle. From thence it proceeds round the southern Coast (taking in the Bay of Minas) to Port Royal. It is accompanied with a Plan of the Bason of Annapolis, and regulated by the Latitudes observed at that City, Mount Defart, and Mount Defart Rock, which are inserted in the Chart, with other Remrks, relating to the Currents, Soundings, and Tides. With respect to the Coast from Mount Defart to the River St. Croix, Hazzen's Map agrees better with it than Soutback's, although his wants the Island of Passanaquidi, which is found in the two later Surveys. If it cannot be called a very correct Survey, it is of considerable Use.

The Coast from Cape Race to Shegnekto, and thence round, including Minas Bay, to Port Royal, is exhibited from the accurate Surveys of Surveyor-General Morris, made in 1748 and 1749, laid down by a Scale of 3½ Leagues to an Inch. It is supported by Observations of the Latitude at Grindstone, or Mill Isle, near the Entrance of Shegnikto Bason, and of Minas: and accompanied also with Draughts of Port Royal and Shegnikto Harbours; besides Remarks on

the Soundings, Tides, Currents, and Variation of the Compass.

From Port Royal Gut, round Cape Sable, to Port Senior or Rosignol, on the South-coast of the Penintula, is taken from the Chart of Mr. Chabert, Ensign of the King of France's Ships, Member of the Academy belonging to the Marine, &c. who was sent in 1750 to rectify the Charts of Acadia (or Nova Scotia), Isle Royal (or Cape Breton), and Newfoundland. This Chart, which is inserted in the Relation of his Voyage, printed in 1753, extends from Latitude 42 to 48, comprising the Peninsula of Nova Scotia, and Part of the Continent from St. Croix River in the West, the Island of Cape Breton, and the South-coast of Newfoundland, with the adjacent Islands and Banks.

This Chart, fo far as the Author furveyed, is doubtless very accurate, and is supported by a considerable Number of Observations, as well of Latitude as Longitude,

Longitude, mentioned in the Relation, and the Places marked where the Obfervations were made, diftinguishing which were taken at Sea from those taken on Land. He has added a very useful Improvement, by marking the Scale opposite to the Place where Observations were made. In this Part he has given us the Latitudes of Port Royal, Long Isle, and Seal Isles, with the Latitudes and Longitudes of Cape Sable and Cape Bokkaraw Passage. It is drawn by a small Scale of about an Inch one-third to a Degree: But the Defect is in some Measure compensated by Surveys or Draughts of particular Parts; one of which salls within this Space, being that of Cape Sable, and the circumjacent Coasts, including Seal Islands. We have likewise been affished with the Plans of certain Ports in this Part of the Coast; particularly of Port Wager, otherwise called

Rosway, and by the French Razoir.

The Coast from Port Senior or Rosignol, to Shillingkook, near Little Jiddore, Sheddower (as Southack writes it), or Theodore, is copied from another Survey of Mr. Morris, made in the Years 1751 and 1752, with no less Accuracy than the former. It is laid down by a Scale of one League to an Inch, but not accompanied with any Latitudes or Plans. However, Mr. Chabert very luckily has supplied the first Desect by an Altitude taken at Chebusto Head, called by him Cape St. Cendre (or Sambro); a Point of great Importance in drawing a Map of the Peninsula. With respect to Plans, we have been furnished with plenty from other Quarters, particularly of Port La Heve, and the Bays of Marlegash, St. Margarets, and Chebusto, with Part of Mohone: Of all these we have had several Draughts, excepting St. Margarets Bay, particularly of Chebusto Bay and Halifax Harbour; two of them French; one published by Mr. Bellin, in Charlevoix's History of New France; the other by Mr. Chabert, in the Relation of his Voyage; which last very nearly agrees with the Representation of the same Parts in Mr. Morris's Survey.

From Cape Jiddore *, near Little Jiddore, to Cape Kanso, I have solely made Use of Mr. Chabert's Chart, for the Situation and Distance of the several Points, as well as Sounding of the Coast; yet not neglecting to augment the Detail from a manuscript Chart of Capt. Durel, and the Maps of Mess. Popple and Bellin; the first of whom agrees with Mr. Chabert in this Part of the Coast; most of which indeed is little known, especially the Bay of Isles from Cape Jiddore to Cape Liscomb, a Space of about 18 Leagues. I have met with no Draughts within this Division, excepting one of Great Jiddore, and another of Frankland

Harbour, fufficiently rough.

With respect to the Coast from Cape Kanso to the northern Entrance of the Gut of Kanso, called by the French the Straights of Fronsak, Mr. Chabert has supplied the Smallness of his Map with two Charts; one of that whole Space, laid down by a Scale of near 25 Inches to a Degree; the other a particular

^{*} It must be observed, that there are two Cape Jiddores or Theodores, the little and the greater; which last lies some Leagues distant from the other. Mr. Bellin, and after him Robert, marks the sormer in his Map; Mr. Chabert the latter in his Chart, without distinguishing either, by its comparative Appellation. Mr. Chabert placeth great Jiddore in his Chart about Latitude 44, 45, and Longitude 65, 15, from Paris, 15 Minutes more East than Little Jiddore by our Map.

Plan of Kanso Cape and Harbour, with the adjacent Islands. This Draught, though affording a very good Idea of the Parts represented, which as to Situation are very truly exhibited, yet has neither the Completeness nor Accuracy, which distinguishes the large manuscript Chart of the same Coast and Islands, made by Capt. Durel in 1724, and communicated by his Nephew Capt. Philip Durel. This Chart is 3 Feet 4 Inches, by 2 Feet 4 Inches: whereas Mr. Chabert's is no more than about 13 Inches by 8%, which is the Size of all his particular Charts.

Mr. Chabert has regulated this Part of his Chart, and the Draughts, by Obfervations of the Latitude, at the Ruins of the English Fort on Kanso Island; at Platriere Cove, in the Gut of Kanso; and of the Longitude, as well as Latitude, of Grand Anse, or Great Cove, in the same Gut: By Help of which the true Latitudes and Longitudes of Cape Kanso, Cape Fronsak, or Turn-out, at the North Entrance of the Gut, and all other Places contained in the particular Surveys or Charts, may be deduced. To these may be added the Latitude observed at the West-end of Island Sable.

The Coast from Cape Fronsak to Green Bay, and its Distance from St. John's Isle, is traced according to the Information of a curious Sea-officer, who was in those Parts in the Year 1751, compared with the Charts and Maps of the French; from which the Remainder of the Coast of Nova Scotia northward to

Cape Rosers, with St. John's Isle, is laid down.

The River Canada, or St. Laurence, the Island of Natiskotek, corruptly Anti-cost, and North-coast of the Gulph of Nova Scotia, is exhibited chiefly from several Charts or Draughts of that River, found on board some French Ships taken in the last War by Admiral Griffin, and communicated by that worthy Commander; particularly two, one of the River St. Laurence, made in 1738, from its Mouth to Quebek, with the Soundings; 5 Feet 3 Inches long, by a Scale of 3 Leagues to an Inch and one-ninth: The other of the northern Coast from the Mouth of the River to Bell Isle, including Natiskotek, and the North-coast of Newsfoundland, without the Soundings; 4 Feet 1 Inch long, by a Scale of 3 Leagues to an Inch.

The Island of Cape Breton, or Isle Royal, with those of St. Paul, of Birds, Brion, and Magdalen, also the S. W. Point of Newfoundland, named Cape Ray, is laid down from Mr. Chabert's Chart and Plans, whereof two relate to Cape Breton; that of the Gut of Kanso, or Fronsak, including the S. W. Coast of the Island, with the greater Part of Isle Madam; the other exhibits the S. E. Coast, from Guion to La Pierre a Fusil, or the Flint Isle, comprising the Bays of Gabarus, De Mire, and Morienne, with the Port of Louisburg, Skatari Island, and

the other Isles adjacent to the Coast.

Besides the Latitudes and Longitudes observed in the Islands and Gut of Kanso mentioned above, this Part of Mr. Chabert's Survey is regulated by the Latitudes of Skatari Islands, Fort Dauphin, the Island of St. Paul, and of Cape Ray in Newsoundland; but above all by his Observations, both of the Latitude and Longitude, made at Louisburg or English Harbour, which were the principal Motive of his Voyage, and the Basis of all the rest.

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The inland Parts of Nova Scotia, with the Country between it and New England, also all to the North of New England to the River St. Laurence, forcibly possessed by the French, are hid down chiesly from the French Maps before mentioned, particularly that of Mr. Danville; yet much improved by certain Surveys, particularly of the Rivers Kennebek and St. John's. Part of this last, to the Fort of Naxoat, 28 Leagues upwards from its Mouth, was furveyed in the Year 1697, when the English attacked that Place. The Draught is ascribed to Capt. Soutback, and is laid down by a Scale of one League to an Inch

one-eighth. With regard to the Rivers Kennebek or Kennebekîk, and Ammeroskoggin or Ammonoskoggin, which fall into Merry-meeting Bay, and are Branches of the main Stream, called by many Sagadabok*, as well as the Ammeroskoggin; this latter is exhibited from a Survey made of it in 1719, by Col. Heath, Governor of Richmond Fort, as given by Capt. North, in a Map or Plan of the Coast from Piskataqua River in New England, to that of Penobskot River, drawn by him in 1753. It measures 3 Feet 4 Inches by 3 Feet, and is laid down by the same Scale as Capt. Hazzen's Map; from which the whole is taken, excepting the Part from New Kasko to Broad Bay, containing 15 Miles on each Side of Kenne-

bek River, furveyed by himself in 1750.

Kennebek River is exhibited in the same Map as high as the Falls above Norijwoak, or Noridgwalk +; the Part from thence to Takonnek Falls, (and its Communication by a small Carrying-place with the Ammeroskoggin), from Colonel Heath's Survey; the remaining Part to the Sea, from a Survey of Capt. North's own, made in the Year above mentioned for the Plymouth Company. But from Richmond Fort upwards to the Carrying-place and Pond near the Head of the Kennebek, ours is laid down chiefly according to the Survey made in 1754, by Order of Governor Shirley, during the March of the Forces to fecure the Erection of the Forts Western and Halifax; which, with Norijwoak, lie on the East-side of the River, and not on the West-side, as former Maps place them. The Remainder of the Kennebek to its Head, where it interlocks with the La Chaudiere; and also the Course of this last River to its Exit in the River St. Laurence, is taken from an Eye-draught made by a French Deserter in 1754.

The inland Parts of New England, which come within our Map, are laid down chiefly from particular Surveys, especially the large Map of Capt. Hazzen, who feems to have augmented his own with those of others, especially as to New Hampshire. The Country to the North of this Province, as well as that of the Massachusets Bay, being but litle known to us, I have settled the Course of the Konnektekut, Royals River, and the Branches of the Sagadahok or Ammeroskoggin,

+ This latter Name is an English Corruption; the French call it Arijwoak.

^{*} This Name, which from the River is communicated to the Province of Sagadabok (formerly called the Duke of York's Property or Territory, and afterward, on his ascending the Throne, the King's Territory), is not the Indian Name of the River itself, but of the Entrance, fignifying the Mouth of the River. However, many give the Name of Sagadahok to the united Stream of both Rivers; although others will allow it no other than that of Kennebek. It is true, some of the most ancient Navigators gave it the Appellation of Sagadahok; others that of Kennebek, or Kennebeki, as all the French do.

the best I could, according to my own Conjectures, in concert with the French

Maps.

I have been thus particular in my Account of the Materials, as well with a View to fet an Example to others, as to give Authority to my Map: for, to what Use was it barely to say, I have composed my Map from the best Surveys and latest Observations? If I did not specify those Surveys, who would be the wifer, or be able to distinguish the Parts surveyed from those which are not; the Places whose Situations have been exactly determined, from those which are uncertain, and perhaps err 10, 20, or 30 Minutes from the Truth, though published as accurate; some of which will be found in the subsequent Table?

The present Map is grounded on the Observations of the Latitudes and Longitudes mentioned in the Surveys, and inserted in the annexed Table, with the Situations given to the same Places in the most approved Maps and Charts, both English and French, hitherto published: By which Table the Reader may at one View perceive how much they differ from the present Map, and

deviate from the Truth.

By comparing those Maps with ours, supported by this Table, it will appear, that Capt, Scutback has laid all the Coast from New England to Shegnekto gradually too low, from 5 to 15, and even 38 Minutes: That Mr. Robert has placed the same Coast, as far as St. Croix River, too low, in a contrary Direction, from 21 to 10 Minutes; and Mr. Bellin, to St. John's River, lower still, from 28 to 10 Minutes: That, on the other hand, Mess. Popple and Danville exhibit the same Coast, from New England to Shegnekto, too high; the sirst

from 5 to 15, the latter from 10 to 20 and 44 Minutes.

These enormous Errors show of how little Use the Draughts or Journals of Mariners are towards adjusting the Situations of Places, and making accurate Charts, when not accompanied with Observations of the Latitude. We find by Capt. Southack's Chart, how impracticable it is to settle the Latitude of Places by the Course and Distance observed in Sailing; and by Surveyor General Blackmore's Chart, that as soon as they laid down the Quadrant, and trusted to the Needle, for ascertaining the Situation of Places, they fell into Errors gradually as they advanced. Even Mr. Morris puts Port Royal 18 Minutes too low; altho' at so small a Distance from Minas, whose Latitude he had determined.

To go on with the Comparison. In consequence of the different Situations given to Shegnekto and Grinstone Island, Southack places the North Part of the Peninsula of Nova Scotia 28 Minutes too southerly; all the rest place it too northerly, from 15 to 40 and 47 Minutes. Herein Mr. Popple has succeeded

best, and Mr. Robert worst.

With respect to the South Coast of the Peninsula, they all place Cape Sable too high, from 9 Minutes gradually to 19 and 40. In this Article the Captains Southack and Durel have approached most near the Mark: Mr. Danville least. This Geographer puts Cape Sambro, or Sesambre, 16 Minutes too high; all the rest too low, from 2 Minutes only, which Messieurs Durel and Robert may have mistaken, to 25, by how much Capt. Southack has erred: Who likewise places Cape Kanso two low by 18 Minutes; altho he published a particular

Chart of it and the Islands; Mr. Bellin, 16 Minutes; Mr. Robert, 11. On the other hand, Mr. Danville gives it a Situation 9 Minutes too near the Pole; but Mr. Popple only 2. Yet this latter, in adjusting the North Entrance of the Gut of Kanso, errs 18 Minutes in Excess, and others in Proportion down to 4 Minutes; which is Capt. Soutback's Deviation for once near the Truth.

As we have no Latitude to the North of Bay Vert and the Ishmus of Shegnekto, which may be depended on; instead of carrying my Examination farther North, I shall insert a Table of Latitudes observed by a French Pilot in the Bay of St. Laurence, as inserted in one of the Charts sound on board the Ships taken by Admiral Griffin, as before mentioned This every one who makes a Chart, and hath observed any Latitudes, ought to do: However, the French Navigator did not do it from any such Consideration.

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	Deg.	Min.		Deg.	Min.
Cape Laurence, or Chapeau				47	20
Rouge	46	50	Isle of Birds		55
Cape St. Mary	46	50	St. John's Isle		30
Cape De Peine	46	40	Pierced Isle, or Bonaventure		35
Cape Raze	46	40	Cape Rosiers	49	10
Cape Breton	46	8	Anticosti South East Point	49	20
Port Berry	46	30	Cape Ray		40
Niganiche	46	50	St. Peter's Isle -	46	50

This Table may be of some Use, tho' perhaps not more correct than the Observations of Navigators commonly are, who think an Error of 8 or 10 Minutes but a Trifle; when the Geographer requires the greatest Precision. He inserted it in his Chart to supply the Want of a Scale of Latitude; for which Omission therefore we are obliged to him: Because, had he made a Scale, he would doubtless, like others, not have inserted the Observations, nor even marked the Places where they had been made. They who make Observations think a Scale answers every thing; and they who make none, taking Advantage of the others Mistake, insert a Scale that it may be thought they had made Observations. It would be no great Matter if all Map as well as Chart-makers would omit the Scale, provided they inserted the Observations themselves; because by the Scale one cannot discover the Places where Observations were made, but by Help of the Observations he may easily adapt a Scale.

The Errors as to Latitude in this South Coast of the Peninsula, altho' not so enormous as those found in the Maps and Charts of the Coast to the North of the Bay of Fundy, are yet much more inexcusable and considerable; seeing they respect a Coast in whose exact Representation the Sasety of Navigation is much more concerned, as it lies more out to Sea, and in the Way of Shipping.

But the Blame of these Errors does not lie at the Door of the Geographers, who cannot do better than their Materials will permit them. They are the Navigators

Navigators therefore who occasion those Errors, either by wholly neglecting to observe Latitudes, or else not taking them with proper Care. It is surprising they could so long see the Charts in this Part err so monstrously, without any Concern for rectifying them. Since the Time Captain Durel made a Chart of the Peninsula of Nova Scotia, about 20 Years ago, not one Navigator has done any

thing to improve it.

On this Occasion it may be proper to cite a Passage or two out of the Voyage of a curious Sea Officer. Mr. Chabert speaking of the great Errors found in the English and Dutch Maps, which differ no less than 9 whole Degrees of Longitude, or about 120 Leagues, in the Situation of the eastern Coast of Newfoundland, which amounts to more than one Sixth of its Distance from Europe, adds: "That so much Uncertainty might produce very pernicious Conse-"quences; and that there was even great Reason to believe, that the Loss of many Ships, among the rest that of the Camel, a Pink belonging to the King,

" in 1715, is to be attributed to no other Cause. *"

It would be more excuseable to err in the Longitude than in the Latitude of Places, because there is not so easy a way of coming at it; and yet it appears from the Table, that the Geographers have errred less in this Respect than the other. What is still more remarkable, they who had least Helps have succeeded best. Mr. Danville, who hit the Longitude of Louisburg within 25 Minutes, errs 53 Minutes in the Longitude of Cape Sable, tho' in the Neighbourhood of Cape Briton; and Mr. Robert, tho' in Possession of the true Longitude of Louisburg, an Advantage which none of the rest had, errs 2 Minutes more than Mr. Danville: while Capt. Soutback and Mr. Bellin err only 7 Minutes in Desect, and Mr. Popple (whose Map is so justly found Fault with in many other Respects) only 2 Minutes. He has hit the Mark also with respect to the Longitude of Cape Kanso within 2 Minutes; while Mr. Robert (with the Longitude of Louisburg so near to assist him) is out 1 Minute more, and Mr. Danville 22 Minutes. Capt. Soutback also errs 29 Minutes; but Mr. Bellin a whole Degree.

Mr. Popple's Map therefore may boast of a Victory over all the Geographers on these two Occasions; and of a Fact the like of which is not probably to be found: For by hitting the Situation of the two Extremities of the South Coast so precisely with the Observations, he has likewise determined the Extent of the Peninsula to a Minute, viz. 4 Deg. 37 Min. while the rest make it to exceed; Messieurs Bellin and Robert by 28 Minutes; Mr. Danville 31: Only Captain

Soutback determines it 42 less.

For the future therefore the Geographers ought to be more sparing of Mr. Popple's Map; since if they may be able to correct him in many Things, it is in the Power of none of them to produce such a surprising Instance of Exactness, whether it was owing to Chance or Skill. On comparing him particularly with Mr. Robert, who erred though he had the Longitude of Louisburg to help him, while the other proceeded as it were at Hazard, with nothing certain for

^{*} Voy. fait par Ordre du Roy en 1750 & 1751 dans L'Amérique Septent. pour reclisier les Cartes des Côtes de l'Acadie, &c. p. 2.

his Guide; we find these two Maxims verified, that false Conclusions may be

drawn from true Premisses, as well as true from false ones.

Mr. Chabert determines the Distance from Cape Kanso to Cape Sable to be 76 Leagues W. S. W. 8 Degrees S. And supposing 53 Degrees 22 Minutes to be the right Longitude of Boston, the Meridian Distance between that City and Cape Sable will be 5 Degrees 32 Minutes; and the Distance by Sea 83 1 Leagues W. by 2 Degrees 49 Minutes S. so that Boston will be 10 Degrees 7 Minutes more W. than Cape Kanso, and about 159 Leagues distant.

The Geographers err no less in the Figure of the Coasts of Nova Scotia, than in the Situation of Places, and commit feveral other Mistakes. I shall point out a few. Mr. Robert mistakes Cape Elizabeth, at the Entrance of Kasko Bay,

for Cape Porpoise, or Porpus, which lies lower down.

There is no Sign of the Great Bay of Penobskot in either his Map, or that of Mr. Bellin, whom he for the general copies; which is the more to be wondered at, as Champlain, besides exhibiting it in his Map, has given a particular De-

scription of it, and makes it 9 or 10 Leagues wide at the Mouth.

On the other hand, Meffieurs Popple and Danville (who follows him to the River St. Croix) have inferted Penobskot Bay in their Maps, but mistake Long Isle for Mount Defart, which they place within the Bay on the West-side; and by that means not only confound two Islands together, which are many i eagues afunder, but also contract the Space, between Ponobskot and Pessamaquadi Bay, 10 or a Dozen Leagues. On the contrary, Meffieurs Bellin and Rebert, probably following Soutback's Chart, put Mount Defart several Leagues to the East of Penobskot Bay, and represent it as a small Island: Whereas its western End lies at the very Entrance of the Bay to the East; and it is 16 or 17 Miles in Length. These Errors are the more furprifing, as Champlain hath described it both as to Situation and Extent precisely conformable to Mr. Hazzen's Map, from which we have laid it down.

With respect to the Peninsula of Nova Scotia, Blackmore and Soutback make the great Peninfula which lies between the Bays of Sbegnekto and Minas very long and narrow. This happens in confequence of laying down the Coast of the North Main too low, for want of taking Latitudes, as hath been before observed. On the other hand, Capt. Durel and Mr. Popple make the Breadth of that Peninsula a great deal too large: So do the French Geographers, who have not hit either the Form of it or of Minas Bay, fo well as the English, especially

the two first mentioned.

Most of them make the Breadth of the great Peninsula between Minas Bay and the South Coast too great; some by one Half, others two Thirds, and fome more than double: Excepting Meffieurs Bellin, and Robert his Copift, who exceed but 2 or 3 Minutes at most; and Capt. Soutback, who makes it 7 Minutes less. These Differences are the more considerable, as the Difference of Latitude between Minas Town and Cape Sambro is not more than 30 Minutes.

The Maps differ exceedingly as to the Figure of the South Coast of the Peninfula. Those of Meffieurs Bellin, Robert, and Popple, make it sun in a strait Line, in consequence of raising the West End too high, and putting the East End End too low. Capt. Soutback makes it belly-out in the Middle, instead of hollowing inwards, in consequence chiefly of placing Cape Sambro too low. Capt. Durel and Mr. Danville hit the Shape of the Coast in this Respect tolerably well.

But none of them all have exhibited the Coast from Cape Kanso, to the North Entrance of the Gut of that Name, any thing like what it is. They make the Distance from Cape Kanso to the Bay of Shedabukto abundantly too long, and the Bay itself too wide and deep: They give it likewise a wrong Position; and too little Length to the Gut of Kanso: To which some, like Mr. Robert, allow scarce any Length at all; making it as it were only a Passage between two

Capes, tho' it be 12 or 14 Miles from Beginning to End.

All the modern French Maps and Charts make the Distance between Kanso Gut, and Cape Stand-off, or St. Louis, as they call it, abundantly too small: For according to the Gentleman from whose Information I laid down this Part of the Coast, the Distance is at least 10 or 11 Leagues. This I the more readily depend on, as it agrees in this Point with the Chart of Mr. Denys, (prefixed to his Relation of North America) who refided at Shedabukto, and had this Coast under his Government. It feems confirmed likewise by the Situation which Mr. Chabert gives it in his general Chart. I have, however, in this Part had an Eye to the French Maps and Charts before mentioned; which in other Respects do not differ much from the Polition given to this Coast, in our Map, of about West by North. But Mr. Popple advances it N. W. to near the 47th Degree of Latitude; while Capt, Southack's makes it bend S. W. as low as 44 Degrees 40 Minutes. In short no two Things can more depart from the Truth, or differ from one another in this Respect, than these two Charts. However, as faulty as Captain Soutback's Chart may be with respect to the Shape of the Coasts, it has in one Point the Advantage of all the rest; as it exhibits Cape Sable nearly in the same Form, and lying one Half inclosed within a Hollow of the Coast, as Mr. Chabert represents it.

This great Number of monstrous Errors of every Kind, in the Figure and Position, as well as Longitude and Latitude of Places, is, methinks, a Reproach both to Navigators and Geographers. To Navigators, for neglecting to make exact Observations at all Ports and Headlands wherever they come; altho' they see the wretched Condition of the Charts, which are every Moment before their Eyes. To Geographers, because, notwithstanding their Materials of any Worth are so few and imperfect, they industriously conceal them from one another, which hinders the Advancement of the Science: Whereas if they would communicate them, the Maps resulting from their several Labours would be more accurate and complete, if not perfect; nor would they differ so enormously, if they did not altogether agree. It is with a View to bring about such a Communication of Materials, that I have been so particular in specifying those which

I made Use of.

Considering how long Nova Scotia has been frequented and settled both by English and French, it is surprising that it should be no better represented in Maps; especially as it was of great Importance to Navigation to have the Situation

tion of its Coasts, at least those on the Atlantic Ocean, accurately detremined. The first tolerable Draught to be met with of Nova Scotia is that which Mr. Popple has given us in his 12 Sheet Map of the British Empire in America, published in 1733. This Gentleman, as Secretary to the Board of Trade, was in Possession of many choice Materials found in the Plantation-office; and yet his Map has been the Subject of Criticism ever since the Publication. But how should it happen otherwise? Since it does not at all appear, that he (or rather Capt. Lampriere his Operator) made Use of any Astronomical Observations: Without which no Accuracy as to the Situation of Places, (which is the principal Object of Geography) could be expected, however some Places might fortuitously fall right, as to either Latitude or Longitude, like the Capes Kanso and Sable before mentioned.

The next are two Representations of the Peninsula, drawn by Mr. Bellin Hydrographer to the French Marine, in 1744, for Charlevoix's History of New France. The first is a particular Map of the Peninsula; the latter is comprised in his Map of the Eastern Part of New France. These Draughts, especially the latter, tho' amending, as well as improving Mr. Popple's, in feveral Respects, are yet far from being accurate; and that given by Mr. Danville, in his Map of North America, published in 1746, deviates still more from the Truth. As to Mr. Robert's, which appeared in 1753, it is a Copy from Mr. Bellin in this Part; only somewhat rectifying the Situation of it by Means of the Longitude of

Louisburg, observed by Mr. Chabert two Years before.

For these Reasons I began my Map of Nova Scotia, with a particular View to exhibit the Peninsula more accurately than had been done in former Maps: Especially as I found myself provided with several good Materials for the Purpose; particularly the Surveys of Surveyor General Morris, which comprise all the middle Part from North to South. By Help of the Latitudes of Minas and Grindstone Isle, inserted in his Survey of the northern Part, joined to the known Distance from Louisbourg! (whose Longitude, found by Mr. Chabert, was communicated long before his Voyage was published) I adjusted its Situation in the Map: But fince Mr. Morris had observed no Latitude (at least that appears) for the South Coast, I was quite at a Loss how to fix it, especially as I found so great Disagreement in the Maps, with respect to Halifax and Cape Sambro, the Point most necessary for the Purpose; as the Peninsula being very narrow in this Part, an Error would be more sensible here than elsewhere. And when I applied to several Navigators to refolve my Doubts, I was only perplexed the more by the Difagreement which appeared among their Reports: Some raising the Latitude of Halifax to 44 Degrees 45 Minutes, and even to 45 Degrees of Latitude; which last being the same with that of Minas, brings the South Coast into the same Parallel with Minas Bay, and consequently confounds them together.

After some Months fruitless Enquiry by myself and Friends, I thought it was in vain to wait, and so resolved to proceed. Accordingly I went to Work, and finished my Map the best I could; fixing Cape Sambro in about 44 Degrees 20 Minutes, by the reputed Distance from Minas. I rejected the Latitude of Cape Kanso found in Capt. Durel's Chart, and faid to have been observed, to follow follow Mr. Bellin, on the Credit of what he tells us in his Remarks prefixed to Vol. III. of Charlevoin's History, "That he had made all the Refearches possible for Acadia (by which he means the Peninsula of Nova Scotia) and had "taken from Journals of the King's and Companies Ships, the Latitudes both of the East and West Points:" By which must be understood the Capes Sable and Kanso. With regard to this last in particular, he says, "That, altho' Mr. Popple has exhibited the Peninsula exactly enough with respect to its Length, and the Latitude of Places, yet he puts Kanso 20 Minutes too northerly." All this was so plausible, and so strongly afferted, that (tho' his Maps differ) I made no Difficulty to follow him both in the Latitude of Cape Kanso and that of Cape Sable, (as marked in his Map of the Peninsula, which I preferred to his general Map of New France in these Particulars) especially as the latter seemed confirmed by the Tables of Latitude and Longitude inserted in the Mariner's Compass rectified, and other Books of the Kind, for the Use of Navigators; who for the general, it seems, look on them as infallible.

I must own I had no Dependence on the Latitude any more than the Longitude of Cape Sable, as found in those Tables, otherwise than as it agreed with the Situation given to it by Mr. Bellin; which I judged to be nearer the Truth, as Mr. Danville places that Cape above the Latitude of 44. I concluded also, that if those Tables were right in any thing, it must be in giving the Latitude of so remarkable a Cape; and the rather as it had stood in them

fo long without any Alteration.

When the Outlines of the whole Map was drawn, I was informed by a Sea Officer, that Cape Sambro was fituated precifely in the Latitude of 44 Degrees 30 Minutes. He affured me that he was Witness of three Observations which were made at the same Time, from different Ships, and which all agreed within a few Seconds. On the Credit of this Information I resolved to alter my Map; and sound myself obliged to give this Part of the southern Coast a different Situation with respect both to Latitude and Longitude, such as it now

stands in the Map.

Having done this I fent it to the Engravers; and when all the Coasts and Rivers were finished, Mr. Chabert's Voyage appeared, containing his accurate Charts, and Astronomical Observations, made particularly at those three Places, whose Latitudes I had been so long in quest of, and believed I had at last procured: But when I came to examine things, I was much surprised to find how greatly I had been mistaken, as well as missed, with regard to two of them. Mr. Chabert expresses a great Surprise at the enormous Error of no less than 27 Min. in the Lat. of Cape Sable, found in the Chart of the Marine. I was as much surprised as he to find such an Error; but more at Mr. Bellin's declaring "That he had taken the Latitude both of Cape Sable and Kanso (in which last he errs 20 Minutes) from the Journals both of the King's and the Company's Ships." This Matter, methinks, requires an Explanation. If one cannot depend on the Declaration of a Person in such Cases; or if a Geographer will put off his own Conjectures for actual observations, I know not what can be said.

As for the Mariner's Compass Rectified, and the like Books, it seems incumbent on the Navigators to oblige the Publisher to reform his Tables, and to throw out all Latitudes and Longitudes which have not been observed; or at least distinguish them by some Mark from others, to prevent the Loss of Shipping. Indeed Navigators themselves are greatly to blame, who could so long fee such dangerous Errors, in Books published for their Direction in Sailing, . without taking Notice of, or fending to the Bookseller to correct, them; as if they were regardless of the Security of Navigation, or could fail as well by false as by accurate Tables.

On examining my Map by Mr. Chabert's Observations, I found that I had fucceeded exactly, with respect both to Latitude and Longitude, in placing Cape Sambro; but was much out in the Latitude of Cape Sable, and in both Latitude and Longitude of Kanso. Here was a new Occasion for cutting my Map to Pieces. However glad to rectify fuch enormous Errors, and to find it a tlast in my Power to attain the Completeness which I aimed at, with respect to this important Part of Nova Scotia, I made the necessary Alterations, and sent it to be

engraved over again, in the Manner it now flands.

I cannot forbear on this Occasion to renew my Suit to Navigators, to contribute to the Perfection of Charts, by making Observations of the Latitude at every Place they touch at, however inconsiderable, whenever they have an Opportunity. They see what Difficulties the Geographers are put to; and what confiderable Mistakes they are led into, both by their Neglects to make Observations, and their Careleffness in making them. They will, I presume, pardon me this Remonstrance, when they reflect what Trouble and Expence it has cost me on that Occasion, with respect to the Map in question.

The Generality of Mariners feem to know of no Utility in observing Latitudes, farther than to find the Place where they are bound to; and, when they come in fight of Land, lay the Quadrant aside, as an Instrument no longer of

Use, and fail by the Direction of the Coalts.

While our Navigators avoid making Observations when they have the fairest Opportunities, the French are feeking fuch, and undertake long and hazardous Voyages on purpose to make them; of which Mr. Chabert, who has furnished us with fo many curious Observations for Nova Scotia, is a recent Instance.

This Gentleman being in America in 1746, took Notice how extremely erroneous the Charts were, particularly with respect to Coasts so very dangerous; and reflecting on the great Hazards to which Shipping must be exposed on that Account, at his Return applied himself to the Minister who superintended the Marine, and offered to go to make the necessary Observations to rectify them, after he should be instructed for the Purpose. The Minister readily gave Ear to a Proposal which tended to the Welfare of Navigation and Commerce, as every good Minister would; and having recommended the Matter to the King, his Most Christian Majesty gave Orders that his Request should be granted. Mr. Chabert employed four Years to qualify himself for the arduous Undertaking, and then set-out in one of the King's Ships to execute his Scheme.

The King spares no Expence to furnish those, who are sent abroad on such Occasions, with the necessary Instruments. Mr. Chabert had those of all Sorts delivered to him; particularly a large Telescope, a Quadrant of 3 Feet Radius, and a Pendulum-clock. He attended with indefatigable Care to compute exactly the Bearing and Distance, from Point to Point along the Coast, that he might the better judge of the Truth of his Observations; and, in order thereto, not only frequently observed the magnetic Variations, but, for the first Time perhaps, altered the Log line to accommodate it to the newly-discovered Figure of the Earth. On which Occasion he takes Notice of the perverse Obstinacy of Mariners, who, wedded to their old Errors, will run any Risk rather than quit them. He invented a new Method of surveying by Sea, or making Draughts of the Coasts in sailing along them, more accurately than by the common Methods in Use, and which he practised in making those Draughts before mentioned inferted in his Voyage. In short, his Book, which abounds with curious Remarks and Instructions, ought to be read, and his Example followed, by all Navigators.

Mr. Chabert, in the Relation of his Voyage, p. 4. recommending the Duty of making Observations of the Longitude and Latitude to all Sea-officers, says, "That their Application to Astronomy for that Purpose must needs produce " very advantageous Effects; that the frequent Voyages which they perform " furnish them with easy Opportunities of making Observations, and that they " are the Persons from whom Geography and Navigation are to expect the " quickest Advances; as with Pleasure, says he, I see it verified every Day." He speaks with respect to the Sea-officers of his own Nation; and it could be wished, that what he says of them might with equal Justice be applied to ours. But this is not to be expected, while the close Connection which is between Navigation and Commerce feems not as yet to be sufficiently perceived here, and that Science is not the Object of ministerial Care, as in France. The Persons who preside over the Marine in that Kingdom have been very intent on having the Charts improved; particularly the two last, Count de Maurepas, and Mr. Rouille, Secretary of State: "looking on them, fays Mr. Chabert, speaking of the latter, as an effential Part of Navigation; whereon fometimes depends " the Success of the King's Arms, and always that of Commerce, and the " S afety of Mariners."

To return to my Map. It is in this Part, relating to the Peninsula, composed from the two Surveys of Mess. Morris and Chabert: for though, considered separately, neither were perfect; yet as one supplied what was wanting in the other, both united form a compleat Survey of the whole; excepting the Bay of Isles, and Piece of Coast, from the Gut of Kanso to Green Bay; which yet, with respect to Position, are sufficiently exact. So that the Peninsula, as it now stands in my Map, may be said to have all the three Essentials which Geo-

graphy requires, of Situation, Figure, and Dimensions.

However, it is proper to observe, with regard to the Longitude of Cape Sable, that it is not fimply the Refult of an actual Observation, but of an Obfervation and the Distance run, to and from, between it and Cape Kanso. By the Observation (which was of the Moon's Distance, both from a fixed Star and the Sun) Cape Sable lies 68 Deg. 14 Min. 30 Sec. West of Paris; and that refulting from the Distance differed only about 4 Leagues, and but 2 Degrees in the Bearings: whence he concluded, that Cape Sable is distant from Kanso, West-South-West, 76 Leagues, and consequently the Longitude 67 Deg. 50

Min. West of Paris.

While I am writing this, there is published a New Map of the British and French Dominions in North America, by Dr. Mitchel: From which ours differs much in many Respects; and particularly in the Part now under Consideration, especially the Coast from the North entrance of Kanso Gut to Port Royal. This last Place is put 10 Minutes more South than in ours; and the first 10 Minutes more North, after Mr. Robert. Cape Sambro is fituated 13 Minutes too low; and those of Kanso and Sable being placed four too high, the South-coast of the Peninfula, instead of hollowing in towards the Middle, as it ought to do by the Remark, as well as Observations, of Mr. Chabert, bellies out considerably. Besides, as the Peninsula is very narrow in that Part, the Difference of Latitude between Cape Sambro and Minas being no more than 30 Minutes, or half a Degree, 13 Minutes make it by near one half broader than it is.

As to Longitude, he makes that of Cape Kanfo 17 Minutes, and that of Cape Sable 1 Degree 5 Minutes, too much. The other Differences, with regard to the Figure of the Coasts, as well as Situation of Places in Nova Scotia, may be feen by comparing the Maps together, and inspecting the annexed Table; where our Work is supported by the many Observations made in these Parts by Mess. Blackmore and Chabert (especially this latter), as well as those of Mr. Morris; of which only, the Author of the New Map of North America feems to have

I judged it necessary to fay thus much, to obviate any Objections which might made Use. be started against this Map, on account of its disagreeing so considerably with the other. And as that Gentleman has produced no Vouchers to support his Performance, I presume what I have done that way will sufficiently justify mine.

As the Observations of the Longitude, as well as Latitude, made at Louisburg, Kanso, and Cape Sable, are the Foundation of our Map towards the East; those of Boston, and Quebek or Kebek, are its Basis in the West. But the Longitude of these two last Places being somewhat dubious, or at least controverted, it may be proper to consider them a little.

There is a great Disagreement between the Observations of lunar Eclipses made at Boston, by different Persons at different Times, for determining the Longitude: one in 1700, by Mr. Brattle; and the other in 1717, by Mr. Robie,

is Disciple and Successor in the University of New Cambridge.

From Mr. Brattle's Observations result the three different Longitudes of 53 Degrees 2 Minutes, 53 Degrees 17 Minutes, and 53 Degrees 10 Minutes, the middle Difference, reckoning from the Meridian of Ferro; London being supposed 17 Degrees 35 Minutes more East than that Island, and Paris 20 Degrees. There was another Observation made in 1704, which makes the Longitude 53 Degrees 10 Minutes: And we are told, that at New Cambridge, about 3

Minutes West of Boston, it was often found to be 53 Degrees 25 Minutes; which gives 53 Degrees 22 Minutes for Boston.

On the other hand, the Observation of Robie makes it 53 Degrees 57 Minutes; that is, 35 Minutes more than the last Result of Brattle, and 55 Minutes

more than the first.

To examine which Refult might be the truer, I made use of the North Boundary-line of Massachusets Bay Province in New England, as run and meafured in 1739. It begins at the Coast three Miles North of a Black Rock, and runs parallel with that River to Pantukket Station (3 Miles East of it), 27 Miles West, 9 Degrees South by Compass; from thence 53 Miles 58 Rods West, 10 Degrees North, to Konnektikut River, (13 Miles North of Northfield Meeting-house, and about 10 Miles South of Fort Dummer): from thence to New York Line, (20 Miles East of Hudson's River), 36 Miles 60 Rods; in all about 90 Miles. This Line continued falls in with Hudson's River, 6 Miles above Albany Church, and a little below the Mouth of Mohawks River; whose meridian Distance from New York, by Evans's Map of Pensylvania, is about 27 or 28 Minutes.

After fixing the Situation of Pantukket Station with respect to Boston, allowing for the Variation of the Needle, and reducing the English Miles to Degrees of Longitude in the Latitude of 43; I found the meridian Distance between Boston and New York to be no more than 3 Degrees and 4 or 5 Minutes. At most it cannot exceed 53 Degrees 7 Minutes, as Mr. Robert puts it; who in this Point has the Credit of approaching nearest its true Situation, in respect of Bos-

ton, of all the Geographers.

Now, supposing the Longitude of New York to be 56 Degrees 29 Minutes. (according to the Observations made at that Place by Governor Burnet, and at Wansted, in England, by Mr. Bradley), by deducting 3 Degrees 7 Minutes, you have 53 Degrees 22 Minutes for the Longitude of Bolton, exactly tallying with the Result of Mr. Brattle's Observations, so often found at New Cambridge. The Longitude of 56 Degrees 29 Minutes, resulting from Mr. Bradley's Observation, is to be preferred on all Accounts to that of 57 Degrees 22 Minutes, supputed by Mr. Burnet; for he made use of the Calculus or Tables of the Eclipses of Jupiter's Satellites, having had no corresponding Observations to compare with his own.

Having thus adjusted the Longitude of Boston, I undertook to examine that of Quebek, by means of the Surveys made of the River Kennebek before mentioned. Supposing 53 Degrees 22 Minutes to be the true Longitude of Boston, and that the Mouth of the Kennebek lies about I Degree 9 Minutes to the East, this last will fall in 52 Degrees 11 Minutes; and allowing 11 Degrees for the West Variation, the Part of its Stream which approaches the Head of the Chaudiere will nearly coincide with the same Longitude, which is but 2 Minutes less than that of Quebek. If therefore the Course of the Chaudiere be partly north-easterly, and partly North, as laid down in an Eye-draught by the French Deserter; the Longitude of 52 Degrees 13 Minutes, resulting to Quebek from the Observations of Bressani the Jesuit in 1649, must be nearly right: at least that City must not be placed much more to the West. This I thought proper to take

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notice of, although I had not an Opportunity of remarking it Time enough to make the proper Alterations with respect to the Situation, either of Quebek, or

the Mouth of the Kennebek.

It remains to say a Word or two relating to the Bounds of Nova Scotia; and the Title which the English have to the exclusive Settlement of that Country. The Bounds were first appointed by King James I. who, in his Grant made to Sir William Alexander in 1621, assigned for its western Limits the River St. Croix to its Head; and a Line thence to run due North to the first Station for Ships, River, or Spring, falling into the great River of Canada (or St. Laurence): then to follow the Course of that River to the Port of Gashepe or Gaspie; from whence a Line drawn round the Coast through the Sea to the Mouth of St. Croix River, and including Cape Breton, with all the other adjacent Illands, was to be its Li-

mits on the East, South, and Remainder of the West.

Afterwards all Nova Scotia, and fo much more of the Country as lies westward from the River St. Croix to that of Penobskot or Pentagoet, being ceded to Lewis XIII. in 1632; that Prince, the next Year, extending his Claim beyond his Title, granted all the Country bounded on the West by the River Kennebek, and on the North by the River Si. Laurence, under the Name of Acadia, to certain Proprietors. In 1635 Sir William Alexander, then Earl of Sterling, and Viscount Canada, to keep up the English Claim, and co-extend Nova Scotia with Acadia, obtained a Patent of Charles I. for all Lands between the three Rivers, St. Croix, Kennebek, ane St. Laurence; to which he also gave the Name of Nova Scotia: And thus the Name comprises all the Country from New England to the Gulph of Nova Scotia, or Newfoundland, called by the French the Gulph of St. Laurence. The Country between the Kennebek and St. Croix did not long retain. the Appellation; being granted by Charles II. to his Brother James, it took the Name of the Duke of Tork's Property or Territory; and, when he came to the Crown, it was called the King's Land. After the Revolution it was annexed to the Province of Massachusets Bay in New England, and denominated the Province of Sagadabok; which Name it at present bears.

The English claim an exclusive Right of settling in all and every Part of North America, from Cape Florida, in the 25th Degree of North Latitude, to the 66th or 67th Degree, by virtue of Discoveries made in 1497 by the Cabots. But as Nova Scotia hath past backwards and forwards several Times between the two Crowns, by Conquest and Treaty, the Ground of Claim is now changed, and

on another Footing.

The French, in 1603, intruding into the Country, then called La Cadia, and fince Acadia, fettled both on the Continent in St. Croix River, and in the Peninfula at Port Royal, as well as other Places; but in 1613 Capt. Argal drove

In 1621 it was granted by King James I. to Sir William Alexander, as before them out. fet forth : But the French taking Advantage of the English not settling immediately, or rather not giving them Time to fettle, returned and fettled again in several Places. However, War breaking out in 1627 between the two Crowns, they were driven out a fecond Time in 1628, by Sir David Kirk, who the next Year also conquered Canada; whence it is deservedly called Kirk's Land. In

In 1632 it was delivered up by King Charles I. almost unasked, to Lewis XIII. to the great Dishonour of the Nation, and Injustice done to the victorious Kirk, who was almost ruined by it. But Cromwel resenting the Injury done to him, as well as disapproving of the Alienation, in 1654 recovered it again; and it was again given up to Lewis XIV. at the Treaty of Breda in 1667, by Charles II. in prejudice to the proprietary Right of Sir Thomas Temple, without any Satisfaction being made that Gentleman or his Heirs.

In 1680 the English became a fifth Time Masters of Nova Scotia; yet the French still renewing their Encroachments, the English in 1687 began to dispossess them; and in 1690 effected it under Sir William Phips: however they were dispossessed the next Year by Villabon, French Governor of Acadia or Nova

In 1697, at the Peace of Ryswick, Nova Scotia was a third Time given up to France, though not expressly named in the Treaty: But in 1710, during Queen Anne's War, General Nieholson reduced it once more under the English Dominion; and, three Years after, in the Treaty of Utrecht, it was formally relinquished and ceded by France to the Crown of England for ever.

Lewis XIV. made several Proposals for having Acadia (the French Name for Nova Scotia) restored to him. But Queen Anne rejected the Offers; and infisted on having all Nova Scotia, according to its antient Bounds, given up; and, to make her Title the furer, ordered the Name of Nova Scotia to be inserted in the Treaty, as well as that of Acadia, which alone had, by Management of the French, been inserted in former Treaties.

The English therefore now claim Nova Scotia or Acadia by Right of Treaty. But the French, who had no Intention to perform that Treaty, (though made in

as solemn a Manner as a Treaty could be made), soon after laid Claim to almost the whole Country, which had been so solemnly surrendered up: under Pretence, that no more than Acadia, according to its antient Limits, had been given up by the Treaty of Utrecht; and that as the Limits of this Country did not extend beyond the South-coast of the Peninsula, or the whole Peninsula at most, therefore England could be entitled to no more: And, on the Strength. of this barefaced Quibble, supported by Force of Arms, they took Possession of all the Continent-part of Nova Scotia, which makes near 3-4ths of the whole: but it is hoped by this Time that they are obliged to quit it.

Nothing is more easy than to confute that Allegation, which indeed confutes itself; for the Treaty cedes all Nova Scotia or Acadia, with its antient Limits: So that the Words antient Limits refer to both alike; for by the Treaty the Countries are identified, if they had been different before; and the Names be-

come fynonymous, each denoting one and the fame Province.

Besides, in saying that the ancient Bounds of Acadia were limited to the Peninsula, or a bare Coast of the Peninsula, they affert a most egregious Falsehood; for Lewis XIII. as has been shewn before, supposed the Bounds of Acadia to have extended North to the River St. Laurence, and West to the Kennebek, which bounds New England on the East; and those were the Bounds assigned it in all the Grants and Patents to Governors during his Reign, and that of his

Succeffor

Succeffor, down to the Year 1710, when it was taken by the English. And what puts the Matter beyond all Controversy, Champlain, the first Discoverer of Acadia, called by the French the Father of their Settlements in Canada, of which he was many Years Governor, declares, in his Voyages, (printed in 1632, l. 1. p. 65.), that the River St. Laurence washed the Borders of Acadia; and confequently is to be confidered as its antient, or most antient Boundary, for he is the first who mentions the Bounds of it. But as this Question has been thoroughly discussed in a late Pamphler, entitled, The Conduct of the French with regard to Nova Scotia, from its first Settlement to the present Time, I must thereto refer the Reader who is willing to be further fatisfied.

COMPARATIVE TABLE:

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