

Previously to this, Governor Hutchinson had reported on the Eastern boundary of the Province. That report was accepted in February 1763. This is insisted upon by the Agent for his Majesty as an act of the Legislature of the whole Government of the Province. — Let it be so considered, and what does it amount to? That the Government claimed exactly what is now claimed by that of the United States, — and the United States claim what was clearly agreed to be their National-right by the Treaty of Peace. —

But Hutchinson says in his Report, that ~~the~~

"in the year 1690, an expedition was
"carried on, at the sole expense of the
"Massachusetts Government, against Acadie,
"and Nova Scotia: and ^{that} Port Royal, with
"its dependences, surrendered to Sir William
"Bliss: and Penobscot, and Mount Desert
"were particularly taken possession of
"by him."

"In 1691, this Country (meaning
"Acadie and Nova Scotia) by the Royal
"Charter, was, together with the old
"Colony of Massachusetts, New Plymouth and
"the Province of Maine incorporated as one
"Province; but provision is made, ~~that~~
"that grants of Land within this tract shall
"have no effect until confirmed by the
"Crown."

The next clause in the report, shows, that though the object of it, was the Territory between Penobscot and Saint Croix, that by the expression, this tract, all Nova Scotia & Acadie were intended.

"In 1693, the Country conquered by the Mass-
"achusetts Province, three years before,

"still continued subject to great Britain.
"The Massachusetts assembly complaining
"of the burthen of supporting ~~a~~ ^a ~~garrison~~
"a garrison at Port Royal" [a]

This complaint arose from the Province having relinquished ~~its~~ ^{its} right to Nova Scotia and the country east of Saint Croix, after the Treaty of Windsor; and the general assembly therefore, considered it as absurd, that the Province should be at the expense to maintain a garrison without its own jurisdiction.

Hutchinson ^{and} the Committee who made the report with him, called the Land between Penobscot and ~~and~~ Saint Croix, by the name of Acadie. In one Paragraph of the report it is said "In 1710, Nova Scotia, and all the Country under subreape the french governor, was surrendered to General Nicholson, who, with an Army of regular forces, and Provincials, from the Massachusetts Bay, had laid siege to the fort there. and in 1713, by the Treaty of Utrecht, the whole of Acadie ~~was~~ ~~restored~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~French~~ was restored to the crown of great Britain."

The restoration spoken of by Hutchinson, is only that of the Territory of Acadie. He spoke of this, because ~~that~~ it was the only object of the Committee's inquiry, and the only claim of the Province at that time.

But
[a] the complaint here referred to, ~~was~~ was made by the general Court, after the year 1703, as is before stated and will be again attended to.