

" all Insults, when the Fortifications, which they
 " are now diligently at work on, come to be
 " compleatly finish'd. More than a hundred
 " Vessels arrive here every Year from *France* to
 " fish for Cod, and employ the People of the
 " Country to fish for them in small Craft of
 " their own. Those Fish they salt and dry from
 " the Beginning of *June* till *October*, when they
 " all get ready to depart, every Vessel for its
 " respective Port. This Island produces some
 " Grain likewise: But, tho' the Inhabitants are
 " more than 4000, they find their Account
 " much better in Fishery than Husbandry; and
 " consequently the Land lies waste, they procu-
 " ring all Necessaries in Exchange for their
 " Fish."

Before I quit the *French* Writers upon this
 Subject, it may not be amiss to make an Extract
 of the Value put upon this Island at its first Es-
 tablishment, by a *French* Minister, *M. de Pont-*
chartrain, as we find it in a Letter to the Duke
de Grammont, dated *Sept. 9, 1713*. We have
 here besides a short History of the Beginning of
 this Settlement, which in little more than 30
 Years, has grown to be of the Consequence we
 shall by and by mention.

" You will be persuaded of the Attention I
 " give to procure to the Merchants that deal in
 " the Fishery the Means of continuing it, when I
 " have informed you, that the King sent from
 " *Roche fort*, in the Month of *May* last, one
 " Frigate, to go and lay the first Foundation of
 " an Establishment in *Cape Breton*, where Fish
 " is *much more abundant* than in the Island of
 " *Newfoundland*, and where one may take the
 Fish,