

the most profitable and commodious Fishing in those Parts, they value not the Coast either of *New-Scotland*, or *New-foundland*, farther than what was stipulated for them, by the *British* Plenipotentiaries, to catch and dry Fish there. We shall see in its Place, how the *French* bubbled them also in pretence of *St. Christophers*. On the Coast of *New-Scotland* lies *Canso*, a Settlement of great Consequence to the *English* Fishing Trade. We shall now see how much that Trade is oblig'd to the Wisdom of our Plenipotentiaries at *Utrecht*, by suffering the *French* to rest peaceably in that Neighbourhood, for 5 or 6 Years. Complaints came from *Canso*, that, notwithstanding four Companies of Soldiers had been some time before sent there, for their Defence, they remain'd still in great Peril from the *French* and *French Indians*; for want of Fortifications, and by 30 of the best of those Soldiers being remov'd to *Frederick's* Fort. This put the Inhabitants into so much Apprehension, that few Fishing Boats had appear'd there that Season, so that of 25000 Quintals of Fish which were wont to be caught, there was not then above 3 or 400 Quintals, so little Confidence have the Fishers in the Protection they might have from our Settlement at *Canso*.

The Indians
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There's no need of treating of the Savages in *Acadia*, so much being said of them in the History of *New-England*: As they have less Commerce and Converse with the *English*, than the neighbouring *Indians* have, there remain among these more of their native Barbarity and Ignorance. Those about *Annapolis* were call'd *Souriquois*, pretty near *Iroquois*, the Name given to *Indians* not in Alliance with the *French*. They were of a midling Stature, well limb'd, tawny, black-hair'd, beardless also, except the *Segamores* and Seniors, the rest being oblig'd to pluck up their Beards by the Roots, as I have seen some of our remote Peasantry do out of Choice. Their Dress was only a Covering over their Nudities; this must be in Summer Time, and with such as never saw them in Winter. In Summer they liv'd upon Fish, and upon *Indian* Corn in Winter, but did not know how to make it into Bread, till they were taught by the *Europeans*: They had no Form nor Notion of Religion, which I believe is much truer than their worshipping the very same *Devil* as betray'd *Eve*, as we read in the *New-England* Accounts of the *Indians*: their Conjurers whom they call'd *Autmoins*, were their Priests and Physicians. You'll find them the same in *New-England*, and I suppose all over *America*; in which, except the Conjuring, they are exactly imitated by the *French* Missionaries,

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