

“ *foundland*; and where one may *make the Fish, and*
 “ *manage the drying thereof easily.* This Frigate ar-
 “ rived *June 26 at Placentia,* from whence she was
 “ to continue her Course for *Cape Breton*; to which
 “ Place I have caused to be transported 100 Men,
 “ to begin the Settlement. His Majesty will send,
 “ in the Beginning of the Year, three Ships to trans-
 “ port thither the Garrison of *Placentia,* and the In-
 “ habitants of the Island of *Newfoundland*; and to put
 “ the last Hand to the Establishment of that Port.
 “ The Merchants of this Kingdom may then send
 “ all such Ships as they shall think fit to order for
 “ the fishing of dry Fish, and for the Oils that are
 “ made from the Fish on the said Island. This Fa-
 “ vour ought to animate the Merchants that drive
 “ this Commerce, to carry it on with Vigour, from
 “ the Advantage they will draw from it. This is all
 “ I have been able to do in their Favour. I desire
 “ you to be persuaded of the great Sincerity where-
 “ with I have the Honour to be —.”

From this Letter, 'tis plain the *French* never intend-
 ed to quit the Fishery of dry Cod; and that they
 have very much at Heart the rivalling us therein.

That, to secure themselves against any Accident,
 they were careful to send a Man of War in the Month
 of *May, 1713,* which was within a little Time after
 the signing the Treaty the 11th of *April* before, and
 had sent 100 Men to lay the first Foundations of their
 Fortifications at *Cape Breton*; and further assure the
 Duke, that three other Ships should be sent the Begin-
 ning of this Year, to transport the Garrison of *Pla-*
centia thither, and put the last Hand to the Estab-
 lishment of that Port; which, no Doubt, they will
 effect, before they deliver up *Placentia*: Not much
 unlike what they are doing under our Noses, making
 a new Port at *Mardyke,* before they fill up the old
 one at *Dunkirk.*

Another