

sions made in favour of Communities and private Persons, the Duties of Importation and Exportation; all these were explain'd by the two Magistrates, with such an Exactness, Understanding, Perspicuity, and Order, the whole supported by solid Proofs, that nothing more could be wanting to demonstrate, that the King would run no hazard in advancing Money upon this Establishment; that those Advances would not be so considerable as might have been apprehended, and that they would be reimbursed in three Years. M. *Raudot* the Son, nevertheless, in the Year 1708, judged, that it might be more proper not to proceed so fast, but to establish the New Colony by little and little: To begin by sending Troops, who should set on Foot the Fishery; and then to send hired Servants and *French* Mariners, a Part of whom should become Inhabitants.

There is great Reason to think that the War, which continued some Years after this, and employ'd the whole Strength of *France*, and all the Attention of the Ministry, hinder'd his Majesty's Council from pursuing so beautiful and well-digested a Project; a Project that appear'd equally advantageous both to *Old* and *New France*. This however is certain, that after the Cession of *Placentia* and *Acadia* to the Crown of *England*, the *French* having no Place left where they could dry their Cod, nor even peaceably fish for it, but this Isle of *Cape Breton*, a Sort of Necessity lay on them to make there a solid Establishment, with Fortifications.

They began by changing the Name, imposing that of *Isle Royale*, or Royal Island, instead of *Cape Breton*. The next Thing deliberated on

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