

and nobody could say where they were gone, notwithstanding our Men of War did every Thing that could be done in ferretting of them from Place to Place.

If proper Care is not taken of us, this Fishery must be lost; and we, in a little Time, fall a Sacrifice.

I know the Opinion of many of the great People at Home, that our Men of War will be sufficient to protect us; but I will venture to say, that all the Men of War in *England* cannot do it whilst the *French* Settlements are so near us.

The Weather will not permit the Men of War to keep the Seas late, nor even to lie in the Harbours in Safety; that is the Time the *French* and *Indians* will make their Incursions, and destroy us: And I say, that nothing but respectable Garrisons with Land Forces will keep them in Awe:--- You know that these have always been my Sentiments.”