

E N G L I S H.

to it, and are always out of Reach of it; they are subsisted with the Produce of the Plantations, and use a great deal of Foreign Manufactories, they (as all Inhabitants of Newfoundland ever did) always will carry on a Trade prejudicial to the Mother Country; they claim and hold as Property all the old and best Fishing Conveniencies, which by Law belong to Ship Fishers; by such Claims a great deal lies waste, and on such as are occupied they do not employ half so many or so good Men as Ship Fishers would.—In my humble Opinion, such Inhabitants, instead of being of Benefit or Security to the Country and the Fisheries, are dangerous to both, for they always did, and always will, join an invading Enemy.

F R E N C H.

In consequence of their Views towards an extensive clandestine Trade for introducing their Goods and Manufactories to our own Colonies, a great Number of New England Bank Fishers, also many of the Inhabitant Fishers of Newfoundland, were become Fishers for the French at St. Pierre's and Miquelon, and at the Beginning of the Season had delivered Fish there; but the King's Ships put a Stop thereto, by seizing several New England Vessels, and by removing some of those Newfoundland Inhabitant Fishers from that Coast, and restoring to the Ship Fishers the Fishing Conveniencies withheld from them by those Inhabitants: A Stop has also been put to our Inhabitants selling Fish to the French in the North Part of Newfoundland for French Goods and Manufactories, by driving off from that Coast such French Vessels as either offered to traffick with our People, or as had on Board any Goods or Effects other than Provisions and Utensils necessary for the Fishing Voyage.

S T A T E of both F I S H E R I E S.

	N ^o of Ships.	Burthen in Tons.	N ^o of Men.	N ^o of Boats.	N ^o of Guns.	Stages.	Trainfatts.	Quintals Fish.	Tons of Oil.	Tierces of Salmon.	Value of Furs.	Madelaine Islands.		Value of Seal Oil taken last Winter.
												Sea Cows taken.	Tons of Oil.	
English —	293	31,621	17,876	1,823	—	1,005	806	532,512	2,384½	1,172	£. 980	1,990	125	£. 5,109
French —	319	39,552	14,712	1,765	615	199	194	488,790	1,760					

From the above State, and what is said in the foregoing Pages, it appears,
 That the French employed this Year 26 Ships, and 7,931 Tons more than the English.
 That the English employed only 17,876 Men, including 9,976 Inhabitants.

That 13,362 Frenchmen returned directly to France, and only — { To England - 1,633 }
 { To Ireland - 2,394 }
 { To Jersey - 633 }

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