

to judge of the Rectitude or Incongruity of what I shall advance.

'Tis probable that *France* may insist on the Restitution of *Cape-Breton*, and *Spain* on that of *Gibraltar*. The Question then remaining to be discussed, is, whether we should give those Places up for the Sake of Peace, or keep them at the Expence and Hazard of continuing the War? Methinks I hear already the full Cry of *popular Prejudice* against me.—“ What, part with  
“ *Cape-Breton*, that puts us in Possession of  
“ all the Fish and Furr Trade; and with  
“ *Gibraltar*, the Flower of our Conquests  
“ in the glorious Days of *Queen Anne*,  
“ which besides is a Curb to *Spain* and  
“ *France*, and a Key to the *Mediterranean*.”

—Such, and much more to the same Purpose, very likely will be the Language of *Prejudice*, when this Epistle makes its first Appearance in the publick. Nor shall I wonder if I am painted out as an Agent for the Ministry, or even for the Enemy, after such a Deluge of Ink as has been already spilt to decorate the Conquest of *Cape-Breton*, and cry up its Importance. But nor the dread of personal Altercation on one Hand, nor that of being borne down by the Tide of *Prejudice*, on the other, shall deter me from pursuing my Plan for unsealing the Eyes of my Countrymen, when I  
conceive