

perfect Knowledge of the Nature and Advantages of the Place, and of the Obstacles that may be met with in the Design; and when there is not a Liberty of chusing proper Persons for the Execution of such Design, little Fruit is ever to be expected among selfish Undertakers. For Want of having taken the proper Measures, the first Attempt did not succeed, and as there was no Probability of proceeding on better Measures, the Undertaking was abandoned.

Upon the Conclusion of the Peace of *Utrecht*, there was a great Stir about *Cape Breton*, then called *Isle Royale*. The *French* entrusted the Establishment of it, as I said, to Mess. *De Costebelle* and *De St. Ovide*, and the *English* complained loudly that it was given up. The City of *London*, in her Instructions to her Members in the next Parliament, required them to demand of the Ministers of the preceding Government, why they left *Canada* and the Island of *Cape Breton* in the Hands of the *French*.'

It appears farther from the Work of our Jesuit, that the *French* were very apprehensive during the Peace between the two Nations, that if ever a War broke out again betwixt them, the People of the *British* Colonies, who are able to raise sixty thousand fighting Men, would attempt to get not *Cape Breton* only, but *Canada*, out of the Hands of the *French*, who could not raise five thousand between fourteen Years of Age and sixty: And that *Vaudreuil*, the Governor of *Canada*, acknowledged, in a Memorial laid before the *French* Ministry, that the *Canadians* had no Security, during the former Wars, but in the Friendship of the *Indian* Nations, which they therefore