

for some time was attended with so great disasters and dangers that it appears to me not unfit to be had in remembrance, in order to our future guidance and safety, as well as justice to those who rescued us from a state of distress, and raised us to a state of glory. And after so general a mention a particular affair, I remember that when one of the most flagrant acts of hostility was committed in *Nova Scotia*, during the peace preceding the late war, if peace can be said to subsist with such hostilities, Mr. *Pussyeux* declared upon his word, not as a minister, but as a man of honour, that they had given no orders for this proceeding; nevertheless *France* availed herself of the advantage gained by this outrage—That the attempts of *France* to explain away in effect her cession of *Nova Scotia*, with their consequences, rendered it very desirable that her future stipulations should be expressed in the most clear, forcible, and precise terms; yet there is no express stipulation on the part of *France* that the islands ceded shall in all future times continue in the state and condition agreed upon, and be used for convenience of the fishery only, which with proper means of information touching their continual state and use might possibly have served hereafter to prevent such evasive and illusory measures as were devised and practised by the *French* politicians respecting *Nova Scotia*.

There is an important question still remaining, that is what rights of fishing the *French* have acquired by the cession of *St. Peter* and *Miquelon*, the solution whereof I shall leave to others, after observing that according to my sense of the matter they certainly have no right in the fishery lying off the South side of the island of *Newfoundland*, saving what they may have obtained by their being placed there by this cession.

I have the pleasure to inform the reader that in consequence of breaking up the *French* fishery by the late wars the *English* fishery has greatly increased, and while writing
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