

Case of a Rupture with the *French*, who are no where so strong in *America*, as within almost Sight of *Placentia*, and it will be found how rightly the *French* Court judg'd for their Interest, when they rejected all Proposals made by the Duke of *Shrewsbury*, the Queen's Ambassador, for having Justice done the *English*, in the Articles of taking and drying Fish in *Newfoundland*, and the delivering up *Cape Breton-Isle* to the *French*. Both which they insisted upon keeping, and the Duke made no more Words about it. Thus was this Trade, originally and rightfully our own, establish'd by a Possession of above 100 Years, render'd in a manner precarious to the right Owners, and secur'd, with greater Advantages than ever we ourselves enjoy'd, to Intruders.

I find Col. *Moody* made Governor of *Placentia*, in 1713, and Col. *Gledhill* in 1719, of whose Management, having small Information, I can add no more to this Article.

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