

fishery on the banks of Newfoundland,
 and the mouth of the river St. Lau-
 rence, I do not see that the posses-
 sion of Quebec or Montreal relates to
 it, more than would the possession of
 Constantinople; at these places they
 cure no fish, and they are infinitely at
 too great a distance to be of any pro-
 tection to the vessels employed in this
 business; Gaspie therefore or any little
 place on either side of the gulf, would
 be more important in regard to this
 article. As from these reasons it ap-
 pears that Canada in itself would be of
 no consequence, but rather an incum-
 brance to France, I must repeat that
 I think it idle to imagine that they
 would insist on the cession of it, or
 indeed accept it, unless they entertain-
 ed views of removing us from the do-
 minion of the lakes, and were con-
 fident