

have likewise driven all the settlers away from Louisburg, who had also subsisted by the fishery; and it is somewhat remarkable, that this place, which was, during the two last wars, such a bone of contention between us and the French, has not at the present moment so much as a single inhabitant.

I should have taken a shallop or fishing boat from this place, and gone to Halifax by sea, but that there was almost a certainty of being taken by some privateer along the coast. This lake St. Peter is but half a mile from the ocean, to which we were to carry our canoe through the woods, and to proceed by water to the gut of Canceau. While the French were in possession of the island, they had formed a design of cutting through this narrow neck of land and opening a communication on that side between the ocean and the lake, in order to bring in their large ships of war, to lie during the winter in the lake of St. Peter. For there is a sufficient depth of water in the harbour of
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