

An ACCOUNT of SHIPS and MEN employed by the English and French on the *Newfoundland Fisheries* 1765 ; with some Remarks.

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Particulars of the Inhabitants, above Three Fourths of { Men - 9,976 }
 which are Irish Roman Catholics — — — — — { Women 1,645 }
 — — — — — { Children 3,863 }

Of these People full Nine Tenths of them are of no Use in that Country, and are lost to this, during Six Months of the Year; for during that Time they are perfectly idle, abandoned to every Sort of Debauchery and Wickedness; become perfect Savages; are Strangers to all good Order, Government, and Religion; by habitual Idleness and Debaucheries they are averse to and unfit for Labour, never becoming either industrious Fishermen or useful Seamen; or if they were either, they are never of Use for manning our Fleets or for Defence of the Mother Country, have no Attachment

From the above Account it appears that 269 French Ships and 13,362 Men returned directly to France at the End of the Fishing Season, all which Ships and Men are wholly fitted and maintained with the Produce and Manufactories of Old France only. The Men are in constant Readiness for manning their Fleets either for Offence or Defence, and if they are not wanted for that Service during the Winter, they are not idle and lost, as our Men in Newfoundland are, but are always employed to their own and the Public Benefit in some other Branches of Trade till the next Fishing Season; besides, of this 13,362 Men every Fifth being a New or Green Man, they have a Yearly Increase of 2,670 Seafaring Men every Year from their Fisheries.