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

No of Ships.	E N G L I S H .	
151	Ships arrived this Year, from England and Ireland, called British Fishing Ships, carrying — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	Men. 2,211
	Passengers in D° from England — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,993 2,753
1 6	From Jersey, called British Fishing Ships, carrying — — — Passengers in D° — — — — —	310 633
4 6	Ships called Sack Ships, the greatest Part of which arrive from Foreign Ports with Salt, or in Ballast, carrying	1,252
293	Total employed this Year, exclusive of the Inhabitants — —	9,152
•	Of the above Number are loft, that go to the Plantations Yearly, at least	1,000
	Remains — —	8,152
	Of the Remainder 3,492 are employed to navigate 253 Ships, at 14 Men each, to Foreign Markets; Two Thirds of which it is supposed return to England, Ireland, and Jersey, a short Time before the Season for going again; the other One Third do not return, but go directly to Newsoundland from Abroad the next Year	3,492
	The rest of the Remainder return to England, Ireland, and Jersey, immediately after the Fishery is over, being 4,660 in 40 Ships, who also carry home Oil, Fur, and Skins	4,660
Total -	From Europe in Shipping, Paffengers and all included, 9,152 Men Inhabitants — — 9,976 Total, including the Sack Ships Men.	19,128
	Particulars of the Inhabitants, above Three Fourths of \{ \begin{align*} \text{Men} & - & 9,976 \\ \text{Women} & 1,645 \\ \text{Children} & 3,863 \end{align*} \} \} People full Nine Tenths of them are of no Use in that Country, and are lost	

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

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	Nº of Ships.	At what Place.	Tons.	No of Men.	Boats.	Guns.	Quintals of Fifh.	Hhds of Oil.	REMARKS.
	117	Between the Cape Bonavista and Point Riche	18,495	7,862	1,405	567	292,790	2,927	This Account is very exact, being taken from a first Examination of each Ship.
para is antigerimment investment absolute the same injurity opinity of increase or remymostal. Symmetry delaka	130	The feveral Accounts I have had of their Ships employed on the Banks of Moririe Vert are very uncertain, being from One to 200; I fet them down at 130, of 130 Tons and 30 Men each; and allow each Man to take 2,000 Fishes, 60 of which make a Quintal, dried	16,000	3,900		Not known.	1 30,000	2,600	This Allowance of 2,000 Fish to each Man, or 2,000 Quintals wet Fish to each Ship, is a low Allowance.
AND SECURITION OF THE PROPERTY	. 20	Fishing Ships at St. Pierre's, at 130 Tons } and 60 Men each —	2,600	1,200	2 40	Not known.	24,000	480	The Boats belonging to the Ships being drove off the Coast of Newfoundland, they have not taken above 100 Quintals per Boat; and fome of them were taken for fishing out of their Limits.
Andrew Control of the	2	French Frigates came to St. Pierre's in June intended to cruize there, and had on Board a great Quantity of Goods to purchase Fish from the English Fishers and clandestine Traders		4 00		50			These Ships were immediately or dered to quit St. Pierre's, those Seas and Coasts.
	269	Total Ships and Men returned directly to }	37,095	13,362	·	·			
	50	Small Vessels belonging to St. Pierre's and Miquelon employed on the Banks and in the Gulph S' Lawrence, allowing each 50 Tons, 15 Men, and 600 Quintals Fish this Season — —	2,500	750			30 ,0 00	600	It is faid these Vessels have had fuccessful Season.
		120 Boats employed by the Inhabitants of the Islands, at 5 Men each —	-	600	120	-	12,000	240	These Boats being drove off the Coar of Newfoundland, allow them or ly 100 Quintals per Boat; for were taken for fishing out of the Limits.
	20	Allow 20 Trading Veffels from the West } India Islands, at 60 Tons, 12 Men — }	1,200	240					Dimits,
	339	Grand Total — — —	40,795	14,952	1,765	617	488,790	6,840	V v
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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 Fisth being a New or Green Man, they have a Yearly Increase of 2,670 Seafaring Men every Year from their Fisheries. In