

tend to raise and improve its Fishery, and make it exceed the Advantages that were formerly drawn from the two Settlements that have been given up. Among a great Number of Instances that his Majesty has been pleased to give of his Attention to make this new Colony flourish, one of the principal, without Question, was the general Exemption, for a Time, from all Customs at Importation, both for fresh and dry Cod, and for all the Oils drawn from Fish in and about this Island, and coming from thence into the Kingdom in Ships belonging to his Majesty's Subjects.

The Arret of the Council of State, which grants this Exemption, is dated *May 3, 1723.*

His Majesty ordains by it, that for the Space of Ten Years, to begin from the first of *July* next, all Cod Fish, green or dry, and the Oils proceeding from the Fishery of his Subjects at *Isle Royale*, called formerly *Cape Breton*, shall be and remain Duty-free in all the Ports of the Kingdom, both in the Ocean and the *Mediterranean*. This Exemption specifies all the Rights of Entry belonging to the five great Farms; those of Landing and Consumption, in the Ports of *Normandy*; those of the Provostship of *Nantes*; those of *Bordeaux, Bayonne, Lyons, Arles, &c.* and the Ports and Havens of all the Places that have special Privileges.

All this, however, upon Condition, that at the Departure of Ships from the Ports of the Kingdom, the Masters and Captains of the Vessels shall make their Declarations at the Office of his Majesty's Farms, and the Register Office of the Admiralty, of the Burthen of their Ships for the
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