

*Breton* cannot turn the Scale so much in their Favour as has been apprehended: In short, its greatest Conveniency to *France* consists in its being a middle Port between *Canada* and the *French* Dominions in general; and could any proper Means be devised to prevent their future Intercourse with the *British Colonies* from whence they are supplied with Stores and Provisions in return for the Produce of a *contraband Trade*, the Inhabitants would be under a Necessity of returning annually to *France* in their Fish-Ships, or spending a miserable Winter with little else than Salt-Fish for their Subsistence.

In order to rival the *French* in the *Cod-Fishery*, 'tis necessary to confine them to the Limits stipulated by the Treaty of *Utrecht*, which will exclude them from all the Banks of *Nova Scotia*, and it does not appear by that, nor any other Treaty, that they have a Right to fish to the Southward of Cape *Bonavista* on *Newfoundland*, between whose Banks and the former there are no others of any Note or Consequence.

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