

either the Dominion or exclusive Commerce of *New France*, and the Isles of *America*.

The Intendants agreed, after all, that the Enterprize of establishing *Cape Breton* could not be gone thro' without great Expence; but then they pretended, that, without making it any Expence to the King, if they had only certain Sums advanced, of which the Reimbursement might be secured to his Majesty's Treasury, it would be easy in three Years to put this Island in a Condition of supporting itself, and becoming in a few Years more a very considerable Place. The Helps they demanded the Loan of, and the Means they proposed for reimbursing the Charge, were as follow.

1. The King has no Occasion for a great Number of his Ships in Time of Peace, when they either perish in the Ports, or only take a little Diversion at Sea: It would be doing a public Service therefore, to find them real Occasions of going Voyages. Thus the King would lose nothing by lending some of his light Vessels for the Transportation of every Thing necessary to make the Establishment in Question. The Effects, which they would bring back even the first Year, would at least pay the Wages of Seamen, Provisions, and Wear and Tear: For by taking previous Measures, their Lading back in Pit-coal, Lime-stone, Masts, Poles, and other Wood, might be got ready, so as to cost nothing but the putting on board. The two following Years an Addition might be made of Planks, Split Timber, Oils, dried Fish, and other Commodities, which the Inhabitants might begin to give in Payment of the Money advanced for their Establishment, and which ought to be regarded as so much ready