

*French* Inhabitants, in doing which no Costs or Pains was spared : A new Colony was set on foot to consist of Fishermen only with suitable Encouragement ; the Town of *Louisbourg* was built and garrisoned ; the Harbour made at an immense Charge almost impregnable ; and the Place became so national an Object, that it was valued by *France* equal to any one other of her Colonies ; and the Fishery flourished so fast, that they could soon afford to undersell the *English* at foreign Markets : for the Protection of this Trade, Ships of War were annually sent from *France*, to visit and supply the Settlers and Fishery with what they wanted, and had Orders not only to protect and defend the Sea Coasts of this Island and the Gulf of St. *Lawrence*, and their Vessels upon the Banks of *Newfoundland*, &c. from Insults, but to keep up their Pretensions to the several Banks either *within* or *without* their Line, and *make* to themselves a Privilege of Fishing where they pleased, by force of Custom : And so early were these Encroachments on the *English* at *Canso*, and upon the fishing Banks along the Sea Coast of *Nova Scotia* (from which *France* was wholly excluded by an express Article in the Treaty of *Utrecht*) that it was found necessary to have one of the King's Ships sent every Year from *England*, and station'd at *Canso* to guard against them : And to such a Pitch had the *French* advanced the Trade, Shipping and Settlements of this Island by the Year 1744, that upon the breaking out of the War, Mr.

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