

can be drawn from Declarations of War, which we know are very often founded upon false Imputations, or at least Misrepresentation of Facts: Much less can any just Inference be drawn, in Disfavour of the *Dutch*, at this Time, from the Declaration of War by K. *Charles* II. when it is well understood that his War was waged on other Principles than those of National Honour, or Public Good. His Motive was generally servile Fear, or venal Compliance with the ambitious Views of *France*, at that Time our imperious Dictator, tho' now our *faithful and most sincere Friend*, as appear by the singular Honour done to this Nation, in requiring *Hostages, without giving any*; by easing us of the enormous Expence of *supporting Cape Breton*; and by all the other truly generous Concessions to us, in the late glorious Pacification. More Thanks, however, are due to the great Patron of *Nova Scotia*; for bestowing on his Country an Equivalent for *Cape Breton*; by establishing a Colony upon the Borders of our *American Fishery*, which may protect it from any future Insults of its Neighbours; and in Time build a Navy, equipped with its own Productions, manned by its own Fishermen, and capable of avenging any Injury done to *Britain*, in that Part of the World. May the noble Lord and his Associates, who did this signal Service to their Country, live to complete the glorious Design; and to receive the Thanks of the present Generation, for the most

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