

whole fishery. It requires, my Lord, a real depth of commercial and political information, only to conceive and comprehend the extent of the evils you have brought upon your country, and the still more alarming calamities which you have prepared for it in succeeding times.

America, though restrained as to the right of drying or curing her fish upon the island, has, however, obtained from your liberal concession, still further permissions and privileges, more dark and undefined indeed, but, for that very reason, more fatal to England. She has "the liberty of drying fish on the unsettled bays, harbours, and creeks of Nova Scotia, Magdalen Islands, and Labrador, so long as the same shall remain unsettled." If there be an article in the whole treaty more pregnant with evil than another, and more calculated to produce remote and future dissensions between us and America, it is this. The Americans, my Lord, you should have known, are not easily induced or compelled to quit any shore on which they settle: and, after a prescription of twenty years, who is to force them to abandon a coast, where they have