

quest may be made, I shall endeavour to point out the Probability of our making none that can balance the Risque, should we make the Experiment, by continuing the War.

All Queen *Ann's* War, we were as much Masters as Sea as now, and we were Conquerors wherever the War was kindled on the Continent; yet we never attempted a Conquest of the *French* Colonies, but once of *Canada*, in which we failed, and not for Want of either Skill or Resolution, so much as through a natural Impracticability that attends the Attempt of such distant Conquests from a brave and the most experienced Nation in the World in the Art military. We took *Cape-Breton*; but had the *French* Ministry done their Duty, as they easily might, in sending early and necessary Supplies to *Louisbourg*, we might have had sufficient Reason to repent us of the Attempt. But are we presumptuously to expect that the Court of *France* will be always as remiss, and that we shall always have the like Success?

I don't know what might have been the happy Consequence, if the Blow had been immediately followed after the taking *Cape-Breton*; but if the most intelligent, in the Strength of both Nations, in that northern Part of *America*, may be credited, we have no chance of conquering *Quebeck*, without which all other Acquisitions there would turn to little Account. So that in north *America*, the Chance of our not succeeding to root out