

fit out an Armament from *England* for the Reconquest of it ; in consequence of which an Expedition was formed against it, under the Command of General *Nicholson*, who took it : And the Negotiations at the Treaty of *Utrecht*, by which it was ceded to *Great Britain*, will shew with what extreme Reluctance *France* made the Cession ; and that nothing but the feeble State, she was then in, could have reduced her to submit to it.

By the Cession of this Province, and *Placentia* in *Newfoundland*, to the *English*, the *French* were left without any Harbour or Sea Coast in that Part of the *Atlantic* Ocean ; in Consideration of which the Island of *Cape Breton*, which lay within the ancient Limits of *Nova Scotia* or *Acadie*, but was excepted by the Treaty of *Utrecht* out of the Cession, was yielded to *France*.

This Island, or rather Collection of Islands, called by the *French* *Les Isles de Madame*, which lie so contiguous, that they are commonly supposed to be but one, and comprehended under the Name of the Island of *Cape Breton*, or *L'Isle Royale*, has a Sea Coast upon the *Atlantic* Ocean extending from the Gut of *Canso*, the Eastern Boundary of *Nova Scotia*, about 34 Leagues E. N. E. to the Entrance into the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, between the Eastermost Part of the Island, and the West of *Newfoundland*, from which it is about 17½ Leagues distant : Its Western Side forms Part of the Gulf ; and the Importance of it to
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