

to them, 'tis neither in Degree nor Duration sufficient to affect the Produce of the Earth, nor to interrupt the Course of Business by Land or Sea.

It is well known, that notwithstanding the Situation of this Island, four Fifths of the *French* Fishery have been prosecuted in other Places: Their *Bankers*, amounting to more than *two hundred* Sail of Ships in Time of Peace, who cure their Fish in Pickle, commonly called *Mud Fish*, make their Voyages on the Banks of *Newfoundland* without entering a Port in *America*, and their largest Ships to the Number of *two hundred* Sail, constantly use *Fishot* \*, *St. Julian's*, and other

\* Captain *Rous* in a *Bilander* of *fourteen* Guns and *one hundred* Men, with a Ship of near the same Force attacked this Port in *August* 1744; it was defended by *five* Ships navigated with *four hundred and fifty* Men; *two* of *eighteen* Guns each, *one* of *sixteen*, *one* of *fourteen*, and *one* of *twelve*, drawn up in a circular Line round the Harbour, and altho' both his Vessels grounded at the Entrance, and were exposed to a continual Fire for *five* Hours from all the Ships within point-blank  
Musket-