

“ alarming *Europe, Asia, Africa, and America*, Friends and Foes, the Precipitation of it would be its Ruin.” And had the Conduct of this great Genius, together with *Cape Breton* and the Cod-fishery, been continued to *France* for some Years longer, there would, I fear, have been some Danger of their telling us by the Fact, what Monsieur *Colbert* propos’d in Words to the King of *France*, viz. “ That the Point of *Britanny* is the Gate to enter into, “ and go out of the Channel, fifty Ships “ of War at *Brest* would keep those Gates “ fast shut, and they would not open them “ but at the King’s Command.

How fatal to the *British* Interests the Enemy’s Possession of this Place might have been, has been already shewn in some Measure; but it will be more evident upon further considering the Value of the Cod-fishery, whereof this Place gave the Enemy the chief Command. It is, I think, a certain Maxim in Politicks, that all States are powerful at Sea, as they flourish in the

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