

Except for the taking of *Porto Bello*, the Nation never rejoic'd so heartily as at the Conquest of *Louisbourg*. All Ranks of Men were gratefully sensible of the Importance of *Cape-Breton*. Women and Children naturally shouted and said, *Cape-Breton* for ever! Has the *Vox Populi* then no Weight with their present Governours? Are they determin'd upon every Occasion to mortify the People with Proofs of their Insignificancy? Surely a Power, so injudiciously conducted, must fall by its own Weight. Or if Insolence be not the Motive of such a Step, what other Motive can be assign'd? It is fresh in every one's Memory what was suggest'd in the Anti-ministerial Writings upon the Convention with *Spain*. The Conclusion seem'd obvious, that if the Minister could not possibly mean the Good of his Country in that Measure, he must have meant something else. Time indeed has amply disculpated the Great Man against whom this was insinuated. But how are we sure, that Time will do any Thing for his present Successors? They may be very honest uncorrupt Men, but they are Ministers, and it is an undeniable Maxim in political Writings, that whilst a Minister is
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