

“ the stipulated condition of the treaty should be observed,” yet by her Historical Memorial it is declared that the king rejected the inspection of the *English* admiral, and that his majesty was resolved rather to refuse the possession of *St. Pierre* than to agree to such an inspection, thereby plainly enervating her former pretensions, that a port of shelter was so necessary to her enjoyment of the liberty of fishing that the grant thereof would be illusory without it; and it is also to be remembred that in the Historical Memorial it is further declared by *France* that, “ the union of *Miquelon* to *St. Pierre* “ was of the least consequence, and the duke *de Choiseul* even “ assured Mr. *Stanley* that such a cession would not be insisted on”---For my own part, after giving the best consideration in my power to every thing that has occurred to me relating to this matter, I have not been able to discern the sufficiency of the reason for granting the sovereignty and property of the port of shelter which was to be enjoyed by *France* together with, and for the sake of the liberty of fishing in other places, that is, in other words, why the principal, the liberty of fishing, should draw after it an accessory or attendant of so far superior and nobler a nature as that of sovereignty with propriety, and why granting the use of a particular port, which seems more analogous to the liberty of fishing, should not in the nature and reason of the case suffice.

The nature operation and effects of the cession of the islands of *St. Peter* and *Miquelon* made to *France* by the sixth article of the treaty come next in course to be considered, but of, which I find myself unable to speak with desirable certainty; nevertheless I shall briefly observe, That these islands are ceded in *full right*; wherefore the question is how far their use, and the rights appertaining to the dominion and property thereby acquired, are restrained by the subsequent matter---That this cession is accompanied with an express declaration that they are “ to serve as a shelter to the
“ *French*