

over the *French* colonies that they would have over ours was it in their hands, as we shall be within sixty leagues of *Cape Breton*; by keeping a few ships of war stationed at *Halifax*, we shall be able to distress their trade greatly, and ruin their fishery. Here we shall have a safe harbour to make up our fleets, and refresh our men, within two days sail of the *French*, should we form any designs of attacking any of their settlements in that part of the world.

In short, by settling and fortifying *Nova Scotia*, and keeping a squadron there, we may easily
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