

A new and more extended length of coast, as well as greater privileges, are granted to France.

The islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, in the Gulph of St. Laurence, are not only restored to the French, but they are given up, without the smallest reserve or stipulation. The peace of 1763 might have afforded you, my Lord, the most accurate information respecting the danger and importance of those islands, situated so near to Newfoundland. When they were ceded by us, it was under the express and positive limitation, that they were only "to serve as a shelter to the French fishermen; and his Most Christian Majesty engaged not to fortify the said islands; not to erect any buildings upon them, except merely for the convenience of the fishery, and to keep upon them only a guard of *fifty* men for the police." What must now be the necessary and inevitable consequence? France will fortify and garrison both those islands. She will, on a rupture between the two Crowns, instantly expel us from Placentia and St. John's, and become mistress of Newfoundland and the whole