

North of *Europe*, where the fishing Vessels are obliged to ply in the Midst of Mountains of Ice, under which the Whales are often lost after they are harpoon'd. Thus the fishing Ships will gain both upon the Goods they carry to *Cape Breton*, and upon the Fishery itself; and this double Profit will be made in less Time, and with less Hazard, than the single Profit that is made in the North of *Europe* by only the Oil extracted from the Whales; and the Money, which we now carry to the *Dutch* for this Oil, will remain among ourselves.

It has been already remarked, that the Island of *Cape Breton* can furnish, of her own Growth, abundance of Masts, and Timber for Building. This Island lies convenient also for drawing more of the same Sorts from *Canada*; which would augment the reciprocal Commerce of the two Colonies, and procure to the Kingdom a greater Facility of building Ships. The Timber may be taken up in the Isle, without our being obliged to buy it of Foreigners. A Commerce may be also carry'd on with the *Antilles Isles* in Masts and Fir-plank, which would considerably lower the Price of those Commodities. Who could even hinder our building Ships at *Cape Breton*, which might be supplied from *Canada* with all that was wanting in itself for that Purpose? They would cost much less there than in *France*, and we might even sell Ships to those Foreigners of whom we now buy them.

In fine, there cannot be a more commodious Place to put in at, nor a more secure Retreat, than the Island of *Cape Breton*, for all Ships that come from any Part of *America* whatsoever, if they

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