

“ and total cession of all *Canada* and its dependencies, with-
 “ out any new limits or exceptions whatever; and likewise
 “ insists on the compleat cession of the island of *Cape Breton*,
 “ and of the other islands in the gulf and river of *St. Laurence*.”
 The fourth article, page 51, is thus expressed, “ The im-
 “ portant privilege granted by the 13th article of the treaty
 “ of *Utrecht* under certain limitations and restrictions to the
 “ subjects of *France* for fishing and drying their codfish on a
 “ certain part of the banks of *Newfoundland* has not been
 “ refused by *Great Britain*, but connected with a reciprocal
 “ satisfaction on the part of *France* with regard to the indis-
 “ pensable object of *Dunkirk*, which the king has required,
 “ and still requires: it is therefore on condition that the town
 “ and port of *Dunkirk* shall be put in the condition it ought
 “ to have been in by the last treaty of *Aix la Chapelle*, that
 “ his majesty consents to renew to *France* the privilege of
 “ fishing and of drying their fish by virtue of the treaty of
 “ *Utrecht* upon the aforesaid district of *Newfoundland*.

“ As to the demand which his most *Christian* majesty has
 “ farther made, that his subjects may fish in the gulf of *St.*
 “ *Laurence*, as also to have a port there *without fortifications*,
 “ and subject to the inspection of *England*, as proposed on the
 “ part of the duke *de Choiseul* in his conferences with Mr.
 “ *Stanley* on that head, which port should merely serve as a
 “ shelter to the fishing boats of the *French* nation which shall
 “ land there; the king to manifest to his most *Christian* ma-
 “ jesty, and to the whole world the sincerity of his intentions
 “ with regard to peace, will consent,”

1. “ To grant the *French* subjects the privilege of fishing
 “ in the gulf of *St. Laurence* upon this express condition, that
 “ is to say; that the said *French* subjects shall abstain from
 “ that particular fishery on all the coasts appertaining to *Great*
 “ *Britain*, whether on the continent or on the islands situated
 “ in the said gulf of *St. Laurence*, which fishery the pro-
 “ prietors only of the said coasts have constantly enjoyed and
 “ always